

Fig.184 Screenshot of the undefinable weather I have often experienced in the course of my project. Within a month and a week and even a day I can experience many different weather conditions but ultimately it is a gray type of overcast that dominates. Unlike the blue sky of my childhood this grayness shows how sick the weather has become.

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So far throughout my project I have experienced all sorts of weather conditions such as the harsh Scandinavian winters and the milder Dutch temperatures. Besides, I have also experienced the extreme heat waves hitting southern Europe during the summer. Perhaps what I have not been regularly experiencing are very extreme cold conditions. This is due to a global warming that has taken place in the course of the project. In this respect I documented the first winters without snow in Scandinavia and the record hot summers affecting Mediterranean countries. Also in the course of my project I witnessed the disappearance of the winter in my native alps. Many of the ski-lifts I used as a young boy have been abandoned and a dirty air linger on top of the once white peaks. While an actual winter might come occasionally, the almost subtropical weather is now characterized by unheard of phenomenons such as devastating hurricanes wiping out entire forests as well as powerful floods. It occurs to me that the so-called Garden of Eden has not been lost only once; it is progressively lost in the name of a civilization that does not want to let go. It is a known fact that hunter-gatherer societies thrived and from agriculture onward we brought misery upon us. This is why with my project I cultivate nothing but myself.