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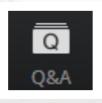
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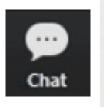
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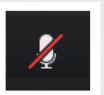


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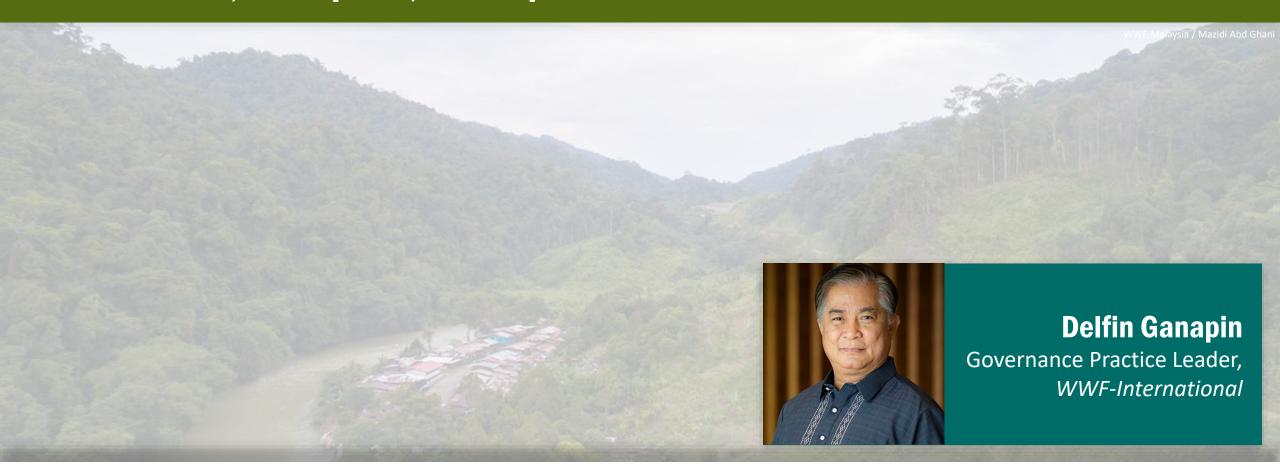
























Conservation, Corruption, Civic Space

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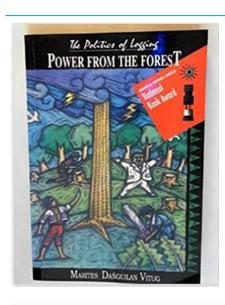
Conservation Organizations

Why Engage with issues of Human Rights, Corruption, and Civic Space?
Rationale and Challenges

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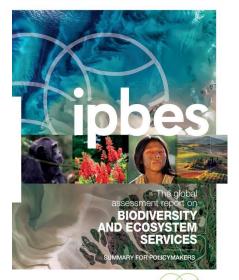


Conservation – Beyond Biology



Philippine case study - forest destruction due to:

- Illegal logging and "legal logging" that violates forestry rules and regulations
- Both are made possible by corruption
- Powerful parties are behind corrupt practices
- These powerful parties are the politicians that are also in control government

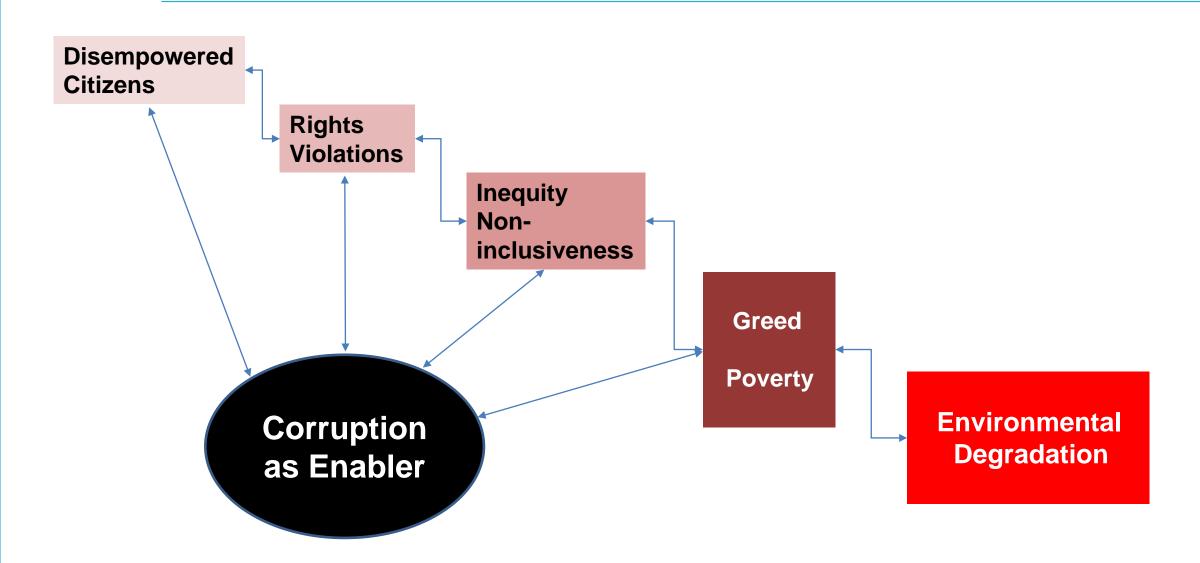


IPBES recommendations for effective conservation:

- Integrative, Adaptive, Informed and Inclusive Governance approaches
- Major lever for change: Multi-Actor Governance Interventions
- Leverage Points that include the following:
 - Unleash values and action
 - Reduce inequalities
 - Practice justice and inclusion in conservation

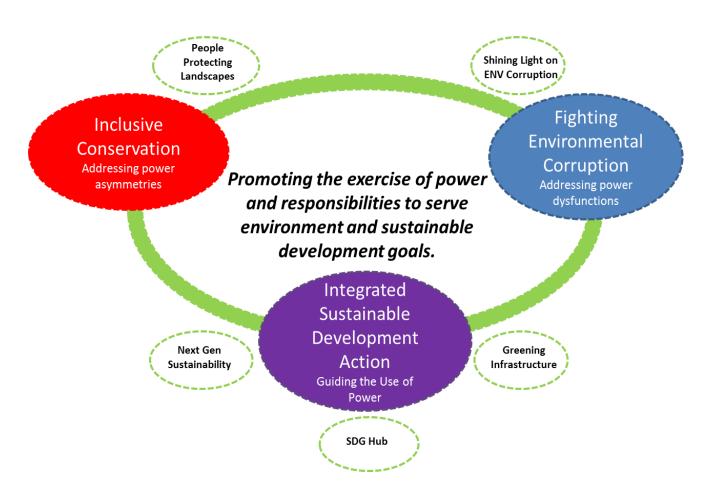


Simplified Causality – Civic Space, Rights, Corruption and Conservation



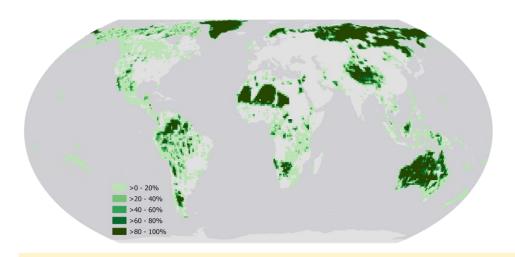


Understanding causality: Example 1 – WWF Governance Practice Theory of Change



"Change happens by shifting the incentives of those with power, reshaping their preferences and beliefs in favour of positive outcomes, and taking into account the interests of previously excluded participants, thereby increasing contestability. These changes can be brought about through bargains amongst elites, through greater citizen engagement, as well as through international actors whose efforts can influence the relative ability of domestic coalitions to push for reforms." (WDR, 2017).

Example 2: Findings of the State of IPLC Lands Mapping Initiative



Findings - WWF coordinated mapping with WCMC and 13 other IPLC, land rights, and conservation NGOs:

- IPLC lands cover 43.5 million km² (at least 33% of the world's land). Overlaps 36% of Key Biodiversity Areas, 75% of ecoregions. 87% outside of government managed Protected Areas.
- More than 90% are in fair to good ecological condition, practically much of the last remaining "green spaces" of the earth – IPLCs have sustained and defended well these lands and territories

Issue of Rights and Conservation:

- Only about 10% of IPLC lands have formal recognition.
- These IPLC lands are critical to meet the Global Goal of 30% conserved areas by 2030.
- Without IPLC recognition of land rights converting these areas into Protected Areas will be tantamount to "land-grabbing".
- Rather, IPLC rights must be recognized to further empower them to continue to sustain, defend, and restore these lands and territories.

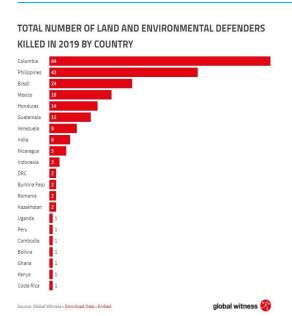
Issue of Corruption and Civic Space:

Over 25% of IPLC lands could face high pressure in the future; 37% could face medium levels of pressure.

- Land-grabbing, industrial agriculture and mining that violates environmental rules – enabled by corruption
- Defending nature needs a "whole of society" approach
- Increasing pressure by powerful vested interests will require IPLC frontliners to have support from civil society



Challenges and Possible Action



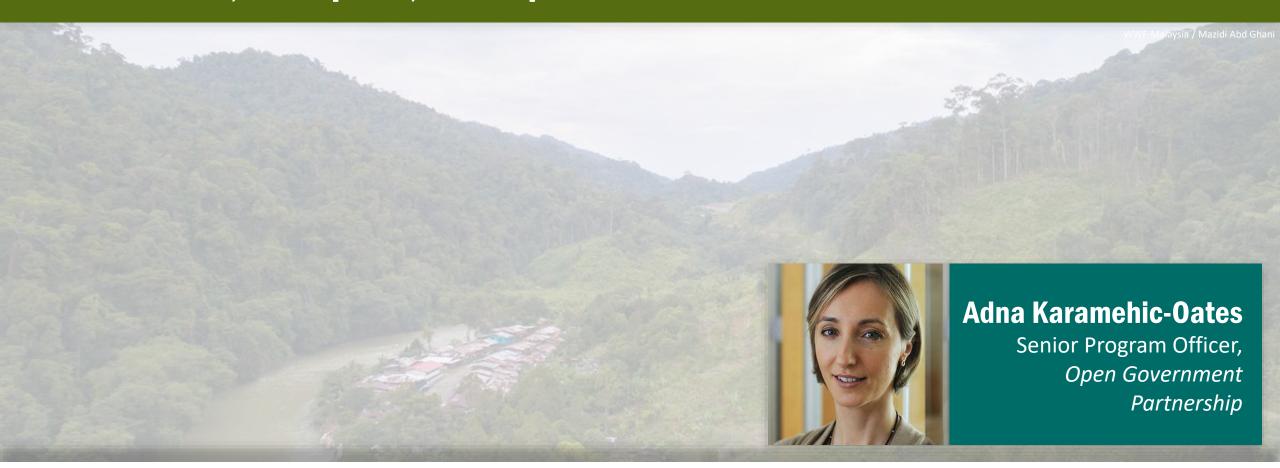


Challenges of rights, anti-corruption and civic space advocacy:

- Highly risky killings, harassment, and criminalization
- Issues are highly politicized risk of being tagged to a political ideology or party
- Work in Protected Areas require partnerships with government or at the very least permission by government; funding (e.g. GEF) requires government approval – difficulty of demanding redlines and implementing them in states with weak or dysfunctional governance
- Shift from a focus on nature to that of people not easy; not just a matter of technical capacity but also of culture change.
- Solutions require systems change complex, messy, beyond time boundaries of projects

Possible Action

- Empower the frontliners recognition of the rights of IPLCs to their lands and governance systems; implement inclusive conservation
- Understand well the political economy involved
- Work with existing country institutions on human rights and anti-corruption
- Join and or build partnerships and networks
- Utilize the potential of big data to inform the public
- Integrate area-based conservation with systems change action













Conservation and anti-corruption: Open government approaches

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Open Government Partnership

Values of open government

Government is more effective and credible, and serves its citizens better, when it is

- Transparent
- Participatory and inclusive
- Accountable





Dialogue, Action, Monitoring

Action

- Governments and civil society co-create twoyear action plans with concrete reforms or commitments
- 4,000+ commitments made to date

Community

 OGP members engage in peer learning and exchange.

Accountability

- The OGP Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM) monitors all action plans to ensure governments follow through on commitments.
- Members conduct selfassessments







Simpul Jaringan



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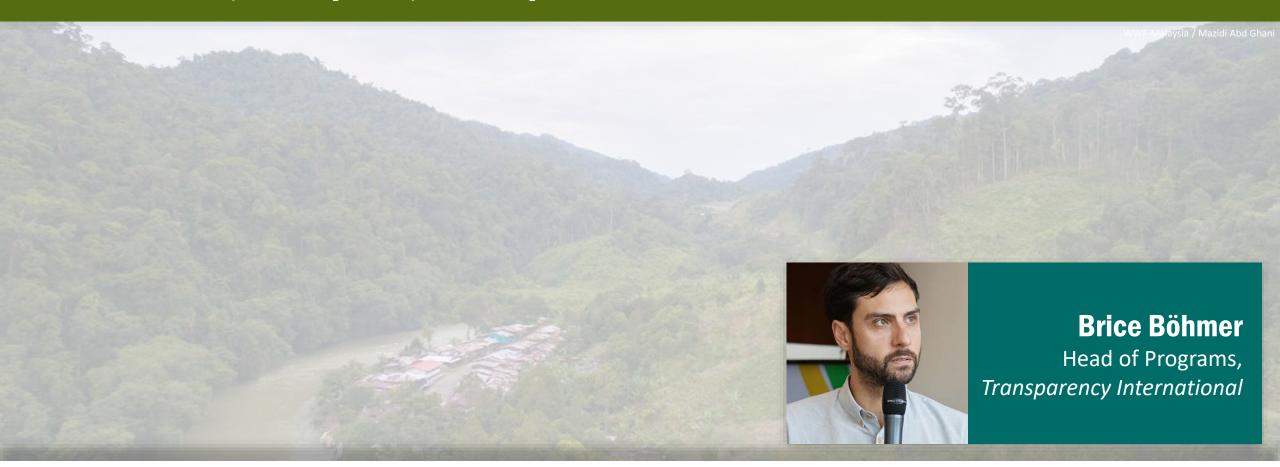






Looking Ahead

- Going beyond
 transparency and access
 to information
- Using justice systems for accountability
- Domestic action to realize and advance on global goals















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ABOUT TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL

- Founded in 1993
- Network led by an international Board from the global South
- Presence in 117 countries/ territories
- International Secretariat in Berlin





Stop corruption from destroying the planet

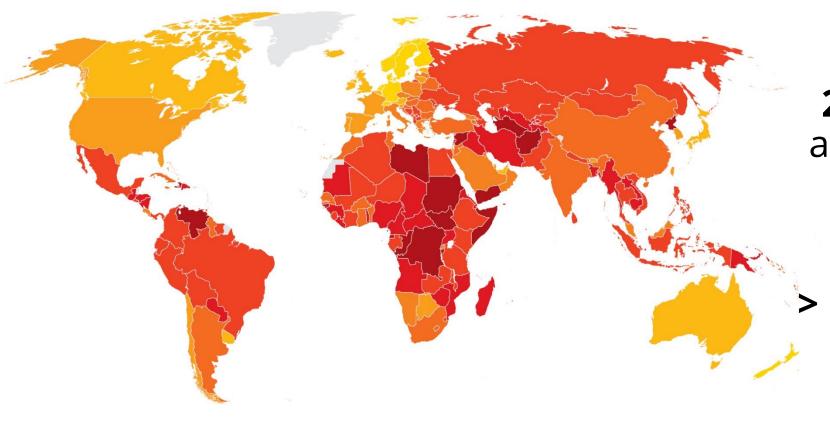
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WHY DOES CLIMATE GOVERNANCE INTEGRITY MATTER?



CORRUPTION PERCEPTIONS



20-40% of development assistance is STOLEN due to corruption.

> **Higher corruption risks** are a **major barrier** to climate action.

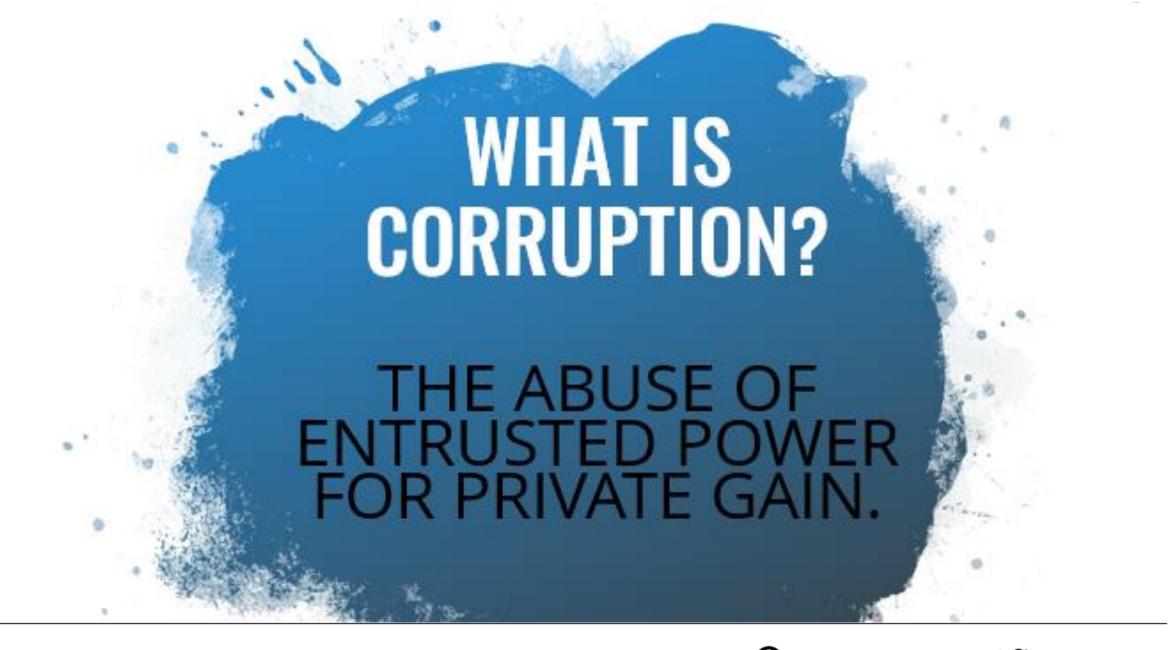


HIGH CLIMATE VULNERABILITY DIRECTLY LINKED WITH HIGH CORRUPTION

UNPREPARED AND HIGH RISK









Diana Ríos Rengifo Leader of the Native Commu

Leader of the Native Community Alto Tamaya - Saweto

Her father, Jorge Ríos Pérez, is one of the four community leaders who were killed in defense of their territory. Environmental crimes and death threats were denounced many times to Peruvian government institutions, but were not addressed.

THERE IS A CORRELATION

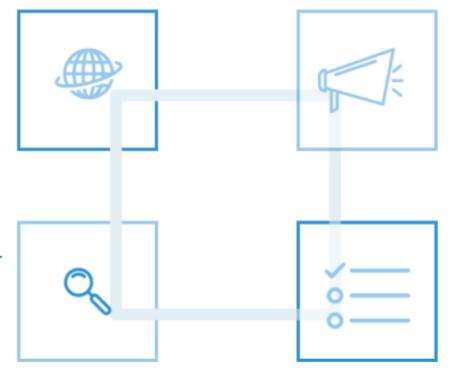
BETWEEN CORRUPTION & RULE OF LAW, AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES & KILLINGS.

Impunity: 10% of murders result in conviction.



RESEARCH RESULTS & LESSONS

#TIU PREVENT CORRUPTION
TRANSPARENCY MUST BE
INCREASED



#2 PEOPLE MOST AFFECTED BY CLIMATE CHANGE MUST BE **HEARD**

#4 SUPERVISORY BODIES
MUST BE **STRONGER**

#3 MONITORING & COMPLAINT MECHANSIMS MUST BE STRENGTHENED





ADRESSING CORRUPTION









Closing the implementation gap for enforcement



Multi-stakeholder initiatives



Strong institutions and oversight bodies



CASE STUDIES



Bangladesh: Funding misappropriated.

A government engineer located a shelter near his house. Other houses were not fully built because the implementer run away.

We convinced the government to finish the houses for the affected population and stop funding streams that benefited fake NGOs.

Today, communities take part in monitoring how climate funds are used. Climate projects are implemented where they are needed.



Maldives: Ignoring community voices.

Construction is threatening the fragile coral reefs & azure blue lagoons, and community ownership of climate projects was low.

We helped communities to advocate for their rights. The government committed over US\$ 1m to address locals affected by non-inclusive planning.

Today, communities' voices are heard as they participate in climate resilience project decision making.



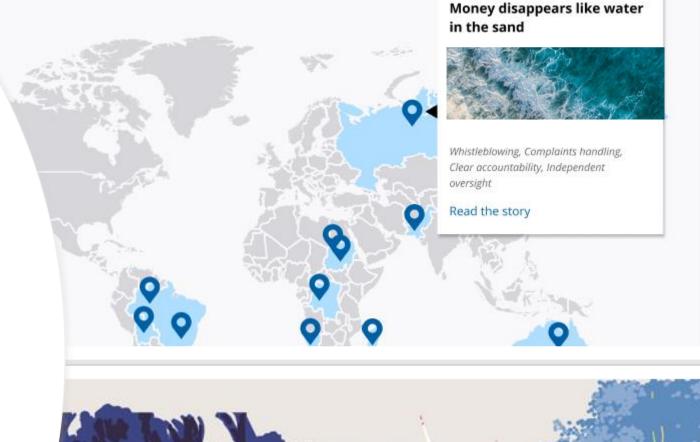
Peru: Bribes and death threats.

Corruption is widespread. Global investors snapped up land that leave Amazonian indigenous communities destitute.

We uncovered the role of corruption in deforestation and supported indigenous people to raise the issue through legal investigations.

Corruption in deforestation and the resulting abuses are recognised at national and international levels – inc. at the Inter-American Council on Human Rights.

CLIMATE CORRUPTION CASES: AN ATLAS



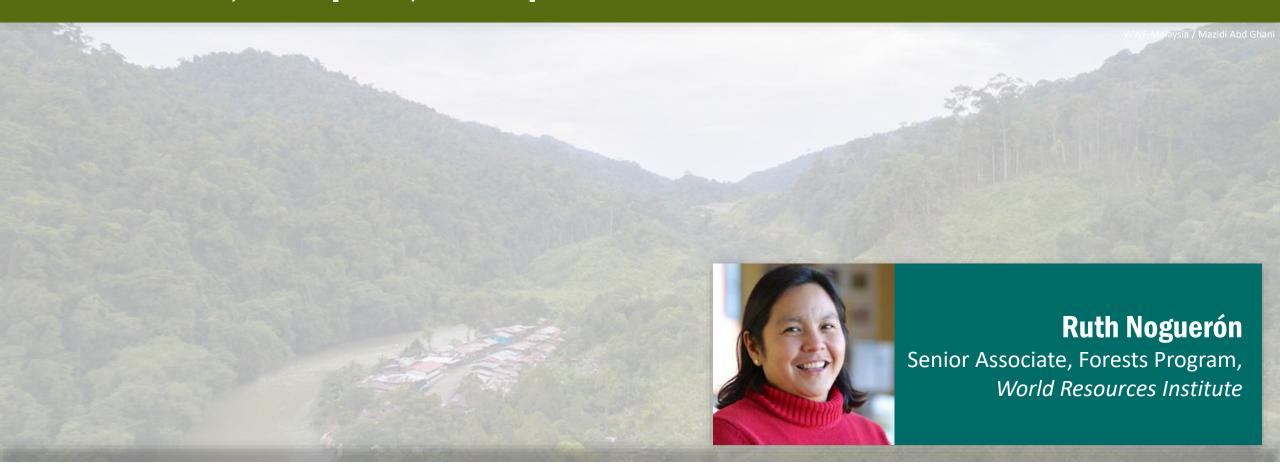




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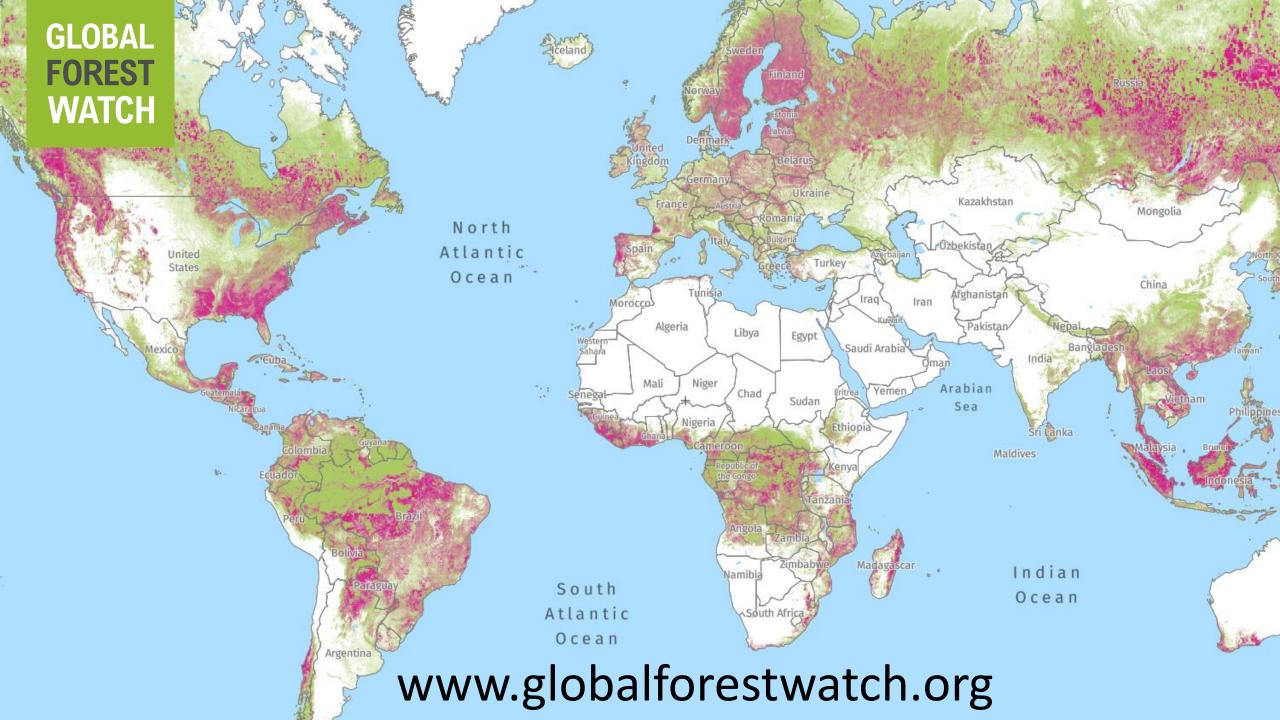
Monitoring Tools to Support Land-Tenure Rights, Accountability and Justice

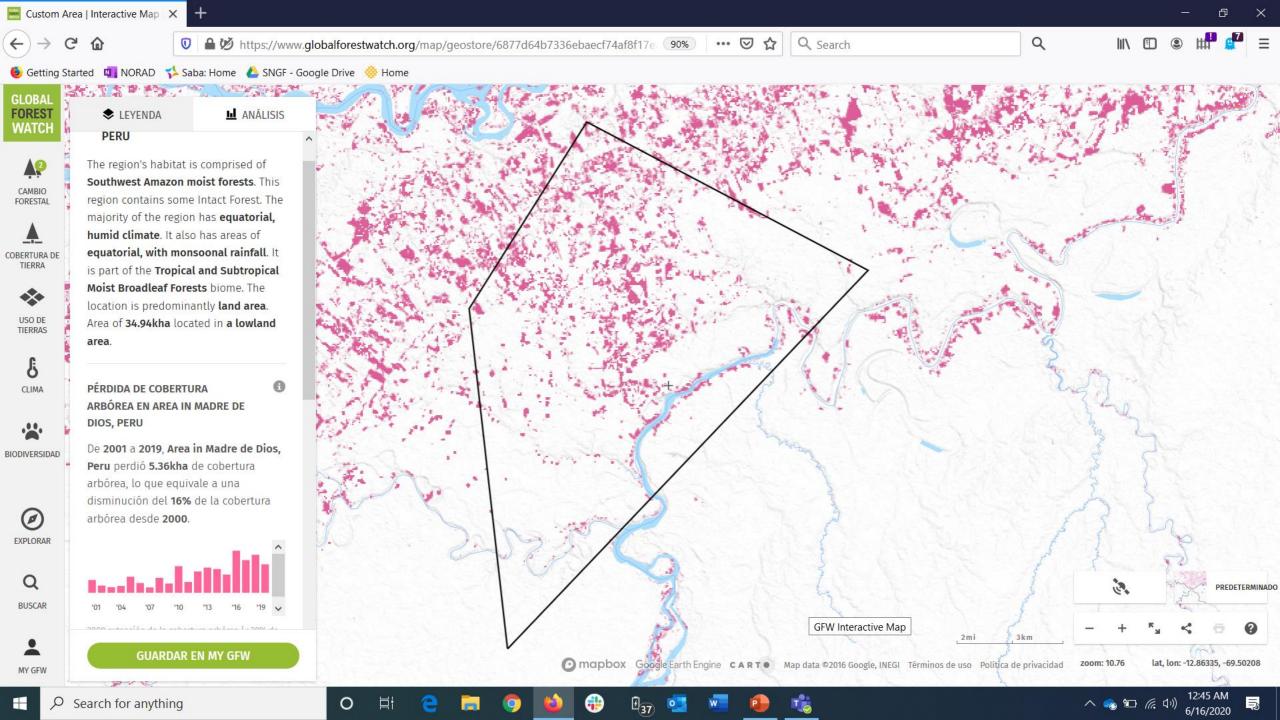
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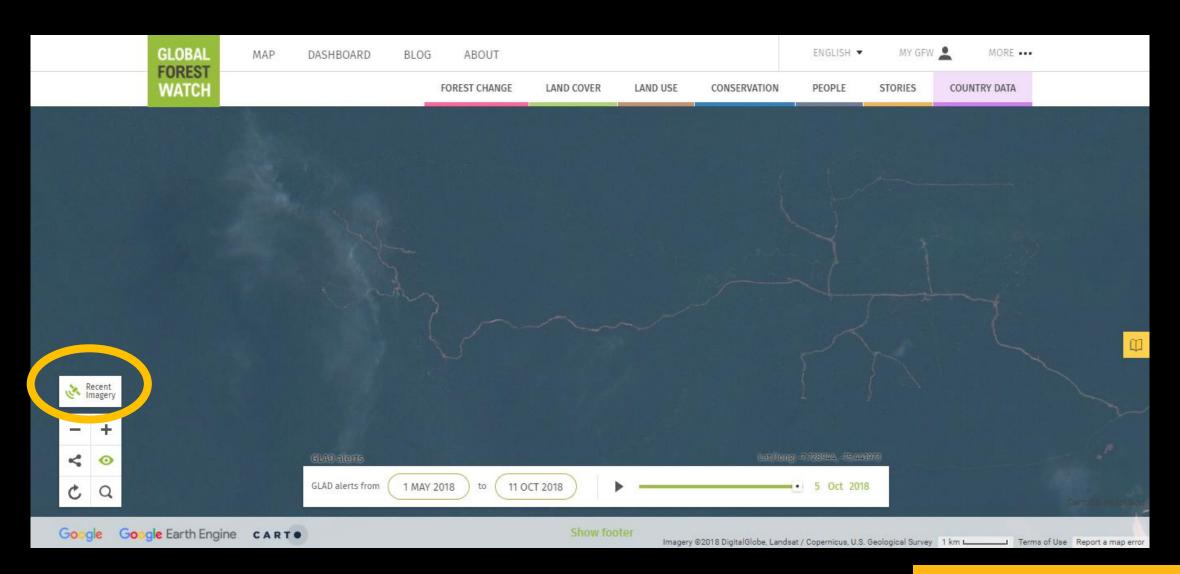
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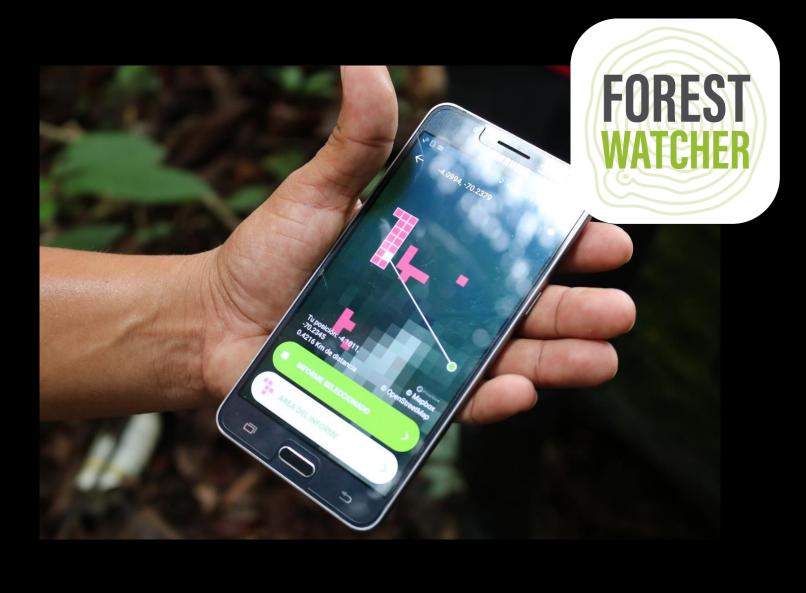
















For More Information

- Rainforest Foundation US Peru Page (https://rainforestfoundation.org/ourwork/geographies/peru/)
- VICE News These Indigenous Peruvians Are Fighting Deforestation with Satellites and Drones (https://www.vice.com/en/article/kzdgdm/these-indigenous-peruvians-are-fighting-deforestation-with-drones-and-satellites)
- If Not Us, Then Who? Peruvian State Formally Recognize Forest Guardians (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O4z6tkssayY)





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