



# Amazon In Focus SPRING 2019



**ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018**



**AMAZON WATCH**



# OUR MISSION & VISION

## Our Mission

Amazon Watch is a nonprofit organization founded in 1996 to protect the rainforest and advance the rights of indigenous peoples in the Amazon Basin. We partner with indigenous and environmental organizations in campaigns for human rights, corporate accountability and the preservation of the Amazon's ecological systems.

## Our Vision

We envision a world that honors and values cultural and biological diversity and the critical contribution of tropical rainforests to our planet's life support system. We believe that indigenous self-determination is a critical component of any successful conservation strategy for the Amazon, and see that indigenous knowledge, cultures and traditional practices contribute greatly to sustainable and equitable stewardship of Mother Earth. We strive for a world in which governments, corporations and civil society respect the collective rights of indigenous peoples to free, prior and informed consent over any activity affecting their territories and resources. We commit, in the spirit of partnership and mutual respect, to support our indigenous allies in their efforts to protect life, land, and culture in accordance with their aspirations and needs, as well as the needs of future generations.

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# MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Photo: Rucha Chitnis

Dear Friends of Amazon Watch,

Thank you for supporting our efforts to protect the Amazon rainforest and our global climate by advancing the rights of indigenous peoples! We are proud to share our 2017-18 Annual Report and our work to Stop Amazon Destruction, Advance Indigenous Solutions, and Support Climate Justice. Without your support, the critical change we seek would not be possible.

Protecting the Amazon rainforest is essential to restore climate stability. And the most effective solution for protecting the Amazon is defending indigenous peoples' rights and territories. Indigenous territories are threatened by rampant deforestation, industrial extraction, and industrial development fueled by short-sighted governments and corporations that seek to profit from destroying the most biodiverse terrestrial ecosystems on the planet.

In the Western Amazon, our goal is the permanent protection of 60 million acres of primary rainforests and indigenous territories from resource extraction. To accomplish this, Amazon Watch is partnering with indigenous nations of the Ecuadorian and Peruvian Amazon and a growing network of NGO allies in the Amazon Sacred Headwaters Initiative. The Initiative presents a united front against the pressures on their territories and addresses climate change by keeping forests standing and approximately six billion barrels of heavy Amazon crude in the ground.

In Brazil, where the new government threatens to open the Amazon for industrial development by slashing environmental protections and indigenous rights, Amazon Watch has launched the Complicity In Destruction campaign to target the global supply chains and financial relationships that sustain these attacks. Indigenous leaders in Brazil have sounded the call for increased international solidarity in resistance, and Amazon Watch has redoubled its efforts to heed the call.

The vast majority of deforestation in Brazil is caused by agribusiness activities, so we must challenge industrial and international agribusiness and their financiers - including U.S.-based asset managers BlackRock, State Street and Vanguard, which are shareholders in all five of the largest publicly-traded agribusiness companies operating in the Brazilian Amazon.

Protecting and restoring the Amazon, indigenous rights, and the climate, requires greater unity across movements. Accomplishing the required transition from fossil fuels and protection of indigenous stewards of vital forests is the most urgent task we face today. We hope that you will join us in partnership this year and for many years to come.

With deep gratitude for your support,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Leila S. Salazar". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Leila Salazar-López  
Executive Director





**OUR WORK:**  
PROTECTING THE  
AMAZON AND  
OUR CLIMATE  
BY SUPPORTING  
INDIGENOUS  
PEOPLES

*Since 1996, Amazon Watch has protected the rainforest and advanced the rights of indigenous peoples in the Amazon Basin. We partner with indigenous and environmental organizations in campaigns for human rights, corporate accountability, and the preservation of the Amazon's ecological systems.*





## Stop Amazon Destruction

*Amazon Watch resists the destruction of the Amazon by challenging disastrous development projects and resource extraction and by promoting indigenous rights.*

### Current Priorities:

- Continue to develop our End Amazon Crude campaign, with a particular focus on the financiers of Amazonian oil companies, while deepening ties with California policymakers and forging a diverse and effective campaign coalition.
- Work with Ecuadorian and global partners to halt the country's planned new auction of oil drilling concessions that threaten vast, pristine forests and the peoples who call them home.
- Strengthen our campaign alongside Peru's Achuar people and a coalition of partners to force GeoPark to abandon its Amazonian oil concession.
- Slow Brazil's ongoing assault on the Amazon, environmental regulations, and indigenous territorial rights by exposing and severing international market and investment ties to corrupt government leaders linked to the agribusiness sector.



Photo: Leonardo Milano

## Advance Indigenous Solutions

*Amazon Watch supports and promotes indigenous-led alternative solutions to climate change, natural resource extraction, and industrial development.*

### Current Priorities:

- Scale up a robust and replicable Power to the Protectors program to deliver solar energy, communications, and transport solutions to remote Amazonian indigenous communities.
- Support indigenous-led efforts to advance visions and proposals for a permanently protected Sacred Headwaters bio-cultural region located between the Napo and Marañón rivers in the Amazon.
- Formalize and expand our Amazon Protectors Fund to meet the growing financial needs of both established and new grassroots partners.



Photo: Maira Irigaray

## Support Climate Justice

*Amazon Watch joins with the climate justice movement to address the fact that the most vulnerable – especially indigenous people and people of color – bear the brunt of environmental destruction, corporate greed, and climate change, and are often excluded from top-down solutions.*

### Current Priorities:

- Build partnerships with research and media organizations and hone our visual storytelling on the importance of indigenous climate leadership.
- Support inter-ethnic and international alliance-building between indigenous peoples of the North and South calling for climate justice.
- Grow support for Earth Defenders of the Amazon through advocacy before national and international authorities, emergency response, and communications to amplify the message of indigenous leaders and communities that are at the frontlines of protecting the Amazon rainforest.
- Support and advance proposals by indigenous women and youth on the frontlines of ecological destruction and climate change in the Amazon.





Photo: Leonardo Milano

## RESPONDING TO THE BOLSONARO THREAT

By Christian Poirier

Today, Brazil is facing an emergency unlike any we've witnessed. The ascension of the extreme right-wing politician Jair Bolsonaro to Brazil's presidency profoundly exacerbates the country's environmental and human rights crisis. The Amazon is one of the principal targets of his regime: since taking power, his government has slashed socio-environmental standards that are essential to preserving the rainforest's ecological integrity and the well-being of its peoples.

Bolsonaro's severe policy rollbacks, which undo hard-earned safeguards attained since the fall of Brazil's

brutal military dictatorship, should be seen in the context of a wholesale assault upon the country's democratic principles and institutions. A dominant, conservative faction of the country's powerful agroindustrial sector, in coordination with extractive industries such as mining, are driving Bolsonaro's Amazon agenda.

Working from within Bolsonaro's government, industry operatives are stripping protections for forests and land rights in order to gain unfettered access to areas currently safeguarded from industrial activity. Their success would spell disaster for Brazil's Amazonian forests and the indigenous



and traditional peoples who call them home, while jeopardizing global climate stability.

To achieve its nefarious objectives, the Bolsonaro regime is systematically dismantling institutions that are fundamental to enforcing Brazil's environmental and human rights standards. He opened his tenure by issuing an executive order stripping the mandate of indigenous agency FUNAI to title native territories and transferring it to the Agriculture Ministry, where hundreds of pending land demarcations will languish indefinitely.

Meanwhile, FUNAI is being critically underfunded and administered by religious zealots and corrupt officials, and the Environmental Ministry is rededicating itself to the Orwellian task of facilitating environmental devastation. As a result, vast sectors of the Amazon are becoming increasingly vulnerable to exploitation.

The security of indigenous peoples and traditional communities has also sharply deteriorated. Emboldened by Bolsonaro's rhetorical and institutional assaults, rural logging, mining, and land-grabbing mafias are organizing an unprecedented wave of land invasions and attacks on native territories and villages with virtual impunity. The impacts of this crisis are therefore being felt first and foremost by vulnerable communities. If they are permitted to advance, their enduring, disastrous legacy will affect us all.



Photo: Brazil's National Indigenous Movement

## Organizing a Response

The swift-moving disaster embodied by the Bolsonaro regime requires innovative solutions that strive to get to the root of the problem. The political and economic power that sustains his government and its influential backers from the agribusiness sector is upheld by global markets via traders, consumers, and financiers. European and North American businesses that finance and source from Brazilian businesses associated with today's rollbacks therefore enable Brazil's socio-environmental landscape to be reshaped to our collective detriment.

To build leverage over adversaries in the federal government and private sector, Brazil's National Indigenous Mobilization (MNI) has called for a global boycott of Brazilian commodities associated with human rights abuses and environmental destruction. The MNI is requesting solidarity from international partners to support these efforts, which aim to leverage global markets in order to moderate the behavior

of strategic Brazilian industries and halt Bolsonaro's assault, ultimately protecting and restoring environmental safeguards and human rights.

Amazon Watch has launched the Complicity In Destruction campaign to answer the MNI's call for global collaboration by targeting the global supply chains and financial relationships that sustain today's attacks on the Amazon and its peoples. By identifying the worst actors operating in the Brazilian Amazon and identifying the global companies, household brand names, and financial institutions who enable them, we can build new forms of leverage over these actors and press for reform.

Considering the scale and urgency of the threats, it is clear that the struggle to defend indigenous rights and Amazon protections is not simply a local matter. As such, it is our collective duty to stand with Brazil's forest protectors whose fate is so closely linked to our own.





## **DEFENDING RIGHTS, BUILDING UNITY, AND PROTECTING THE AMAZON'S SACRED HEADWATERS**

By Kevin Koenig

For millennia, indigenous peoples in the Western Amazon have been protecting, defending, and managing their rainforest territories in the face of unrelenting pressure – from rubber tappers, gold miners, missionaries, loggers, oil companies, and new threats like bioprospectors, agribusiness, and even conservation schemes that violate their rights. It is why the region remains one of the most biodiverse places on the planet, holding the highest concentration of mammals, birds, and amphibians in the Amazon.

But over the years, their once vast, ancestral territories have been divided by political borders, extractive industry concessions, pipeline corridors, and other monstrous mega-projects as encroaching "development" pushes

ever closer. Indigenous elders in Ecuador still recall relatives who went downstream to Peru to hunt and fish, only to be unable to return home after Peru annexed more than half of Ecuador's Amazon during a border war in 1942.

It has long been a vision of the indigenous nationalities of this region to unite with their relatives across borders and recover the ancestral management of their territories. But this vision has taken on particular urgency as the threats to their lives, land, and cultures are on the rise.

In early 2019, my colleagues from Amazon Watch and I traveled to Ecuador to meet with indigenous leaders of CONFENIAE, the regional confederation of Amazonian indigenous peoples of Ecuador's

Amazon, along with representatives of indigenous nations and organizations from Peru for four days of visioning and strategic planning on a new initiative to permanently protect their ancestral territories from extractive industries and implement their "life plans" for their peoples.

This new initiative, dubbed the Amazon Sacred Headwaters, seeks to permanently protect roughly 60 million acres from industrial extraction and stop the drivers of deforestation throughout the Napo-Marañón River basin. The initiative presents a united front against the pressures on their territories and addresses climate change by keeping forests standing and approximately six billion barrels of heavy Amazon crude in the ground.

Launched by CONFENIAE and its Peruvian indigenous counterpart organization AIDASEP, early priorities of the initiative have included strengthening organizational capacity, bi-national summit meetings to share experiences and strategies among indigenous relatives, supporting grassroots efforts to stop the expansion of the fossil fuel frontier, and a major study of biodiversity hotspots. Our meeting concluded with the establishment of a governing council comprised of indigenous nationalities of Peru and Ecuador along with NGO advisors from Amazon Watch and the Pachamama Alliance, with the hope that the circle will grow.



"We know we can't fight these battles in isolation, going after one company or one oil concession at a time. We need to get at the root causes of these problems that threaten us. We need to work across borders and these false boundaries that governments, companies, and outsiders have created," explained Wrays Perez, a Wampis leader from Peru. "These are artificial barriers that keep us divided. We need to return to the original vision of our ancestors and our practices of traditional territorial management and governance that corresponds to ecological/natural boundaries. We live downstream in Peru – whatever happens upstream in the headwaters will affect us greatly. If the governments of Ecuador and Peru are getting together to plan how to extract oil together and share infrastructure along the border, it only makes sense for us to be organizing to present our own transborder vision for protection of our forests."

The Amazon Sacred Headwaters will also link on-the-ground work with larger advocacy efforts to reduce consumption of crude sourced from the Amazon, particularly focusing on the state of California - which is the largest importer of Ecuador's oil - and financial institutions like BlackRock and JPMorgan Chase that are bankrolling Amazon destruction.

Amazon Watch has been working in this region for close to twenty years, standing side-by-side with our indigenous allies to fight oil companies, pipeline construction, mining concessions, and other unsustainable government development plans that trample on indigenous rights and territories. We are proud to support this bold vision to unite their peoples and territories, while setting an example for the world by keeping forests standing and fossil fuels in the ground.





## **BLACKROCK: THE BIGGEST CONTRIBUTOR TO CLIMATE CHANGE YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF**

By Moira Birss

A company few have even heard of is one of the most destructive forces for climate change in the world.

BlackRock, the world's largest investment firm, holds more shares in fossil fuel and other industries that cause climate change than pretty much any other company in the world. That means that BlackRock's portfolio constitutes a huge liability that is putting the planet on a path towards runaway climate change.

BlackRock's investments include companies like Italian oil giant ENI, whose operations on Kichwa territory deep in the Ecuadorian Amazon have caused toxic contamination and led to

retaliation against leaders like Salomé Aranda when they speak out.

As we demonstrated in our November 2017 report naming BlackRock as one of the major financial institutions driving Amazon destruction, oil companies like ENI wouldn't have the primary tool they need – money – to drill for oil in indigenous territories in the Amazon rainforest were it not for the financial backing of investment firms like BlackRock.

Meanwhile, BlackRock's CEO, Larry Fink, travels the world preaching that businesses should have a "social purpose," play a positive role in society, think "long-term," and help "address pressing social and economic issues."

Larry Fink clearly wants to be considered a socially-responsible corporate leader, but BlackRock funnels immense amounts of investment dollars to tar sands, coal, Arctic oil, Amazon crude, and rainforest destruction, and he consistently votes against shareholder demands for climate action and transparency.

And while it launched a suite of "sustainable" funds late last year, the funds include commodity traders linked to Amazon deforestation, one of the world's largest coal companies, and corporations behind the infamous TransMountain and Line 5 pipelines.

Meanwhile, indigenous peoples in the Amazon and around the world are



risking life and limb to defend their ancestral territories and our global climate from deforestation, oil drilling, and pipeline construction. That is not social responsibility, particularly when we have less than twelve years to turn this global ship around and save the climate - starting with ending our use of fossil fuels.

This hypocrisy and continued financing of the industries causing climate change is a BIG problem. That's why last year Amazon Watch joined with the Sierra Club, Friends of

the Earth, and the Sunrise Project to launch a new campaign: BlackRock's Big Problem. We're calling on BlackRock to stop working with companies that destroy the climate and our precious ecosystems like the Amazon.

As the largest asset manager in the world – part of an elite club of money management companies that control approximately US \$90 trillion – BlackRock is one of the largest worldwide shareholders in fossil fuel, agribusiness, and other industries that

destroy rainforests and the climate. The company wields enormous influence with little accountability for its investment approach or votes by its shareholders.

Real leaders don't invest in companies that violate human rights, destroy tropical forests, and cause catastrophic climate change. It's time BlackRock takes responsibility for and end its massive contribution to climate change and rainforest destruction.



# Bolsonaro Wants to Plunder the Amazon. Don't Let Him.

By Leila Salazar-López

**T**he rise of President Jair Bolsonaro of Brazil has put the environment and human rights in peril. His promises to open the Amazon for business could result in huge deforestation and the release of vast greenhouse-gas emissions. His threats to slash fundamental environmental and indigenous rights standards that help keep the Amazon standing are a threat to climate stability.

Mr. Bolsonaro, however, wouldn't be the only one to blame for devastating the Amazon. Companies that accept his invitation to reap profit from Amazon destruction, and the financial institutions that provide the capital, will also bear great responsibility. And those poised to benefit from Mr. Bolsonaro's reckless policies include American companies and financial institutions.

Two of the largest publicly traded agribusiness firms operating in the Brazilian Amazon – Archer Daniels Midland and Bunge – are American-based companies. Agribusiness, in particular soy and beef production, is a leading driver of forest loss and human-rights abuses in the Brazilian Amazon, and A.D.M. and Bunge are two of the largest soy traders in Brazil. As producers seek more and more land for growing crops and grazing cattle, they push ever deeper into the Amazon. According to a report published in 2014, an estimated 90 percent of deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon is due to agribusiness activities.

Where would these powerful agribusiness companies get the capital they need to bulldoze deeper into the Amazon, if they should take Mr. Bolsonaro up on his offer to eliminate environmental protections?

In no small part from American-based asset managers BlackRock, State Street and Vanguard, which are shareholders in all five of the largest publicly traded agribusiness companies operating in the Brazilian Amazon. As a group of researchers recently demonstrated, the "Big Three" asset managers hold 15 percent to 20 percent of all of A.D.M. and Bunge's available shares (finance researchers call ownership above 5 percent of all shares "blockholding" and generally assume it to imply significant influence).

This means they have the potential to exert pressure on the very companies that could either moderate or enable Mr. Bolsonaro's threats to the future of the Amazon – and the climate. Many Americans, in turn, have a direct relationship with those asset managers, since those firms manage many pension funds and retirement accounts.

Of course, Mr. Bolsonaro's agribusiness-friendly agenda should not be seen in isolation. Previous Brazilian administrations also worked to undermine environmental and human-rights protections to benefit the industrial exploitation of the Amazon. It required the concerted efforts of Brazilian indigenous and social groups and their global allies to force governments and corporations operating in the Amazon to curb deforestation, which until recently had been relatively contained.

Long before Mr. Bolsonaro's rise, numerous agribusiness companies made commitments to end Amazon deforestation from their supply chains. Both Bunge and A.D.M., for example, have committed to eliminate deforestation in their supply chains, although they haven't always lived up to those promises.

In May 2018 Bunge was fined for activities related to illegal deforestation, and some deforestation-watchers have criticized its subsequent policy update as inadequate.

BlackRock, for its part, has supported the Paris Climate Accord and its chief executive, Larry Fink, has been called the "conscience of Wall Street"

for his exhortations to companies to "benefit all of their stakeholders, including shareholders, employees, customers and the communities in which they operate."



Yet Mr. Fink's most recent letter to investors, published this month, makes no direct mention of climate change, and BlackRock's statement after Brazil's election in October appears to celebrate Mr. Bolsonaro's win, lauding his commitment "to building on the reform agenda put in place over the past two years."

Though the role of asset managers might seem far removed from the felling of trees in the Amazon rain forest, the world's largest asset

managers could play a pivotal role in safeguarding the global climate by way of their investments in companies operating in biomes crucial to climate stability like the Amazon rain forest. The world could have less than twelve years to turn this sinking climate ship around, as the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's most recent report makes clear.

Mr. Bolsonaro's rise to power will test companies' promises to be responsible. Will leading global agribusiness companies be complicit in Mr. Bolsonaro's assault on the Amazon and its people, thus sacrificing their commitments, their reputation and our climate? And will financial institutions like BlackRock heed their own calls for companies to pursue purpose and not just profit? Or will they put short-term profits ahead of the planet's future?

If these influential companies don't take a clear and principled stand against Mr. Bolsonaro's promises to open the Amazon for business, they will also bear responsibility for abetting his plunder of the world's largest tropical rain forest.

*A version of this op-ed appears in print on January 29, 2019, in the International New York Times.*





## FY 2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT

### OUR WORK: PROTECTING THE AMAZON AND OUR CLIMATE BY SUPPORTING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

#### Stop Amazon Destruction

*Amazon Watch resists the destruction of the Amazon by challenging disastrous development projects and natural resource extraction and by promoting indigenous rights.*

In the FY 2017-2018 year we:

- Advanced the End Amazon Crude campaign by raising the profile of Amazon crude as a harmful commodity to a broadening audience, including California policymakers, NGO allies, and local environmental justice leaders.
- Released the Investing in Amazon Destruction report, exposing how financing from JPMorgan Chase and BlackRock bankrolls the destruction of the Ecuadorian and Peruvian Amazon.
- Organized a delegation of Sapara leaders to attend shareholder meetings of these financial institutions, both of which committed to further engaging with us and Amazonian indigenous peoples about the impacts of their investments.
- Established an international campaign to demand that the Chilean oil company GeoPark cease expansion of its operations into the Achuar's ancestral territory in Peru.
- Developed a groundbreaking new campaign in Brazil that targets the drivers of the country's most egregious environmental and human rights abuses, the notorious "ruralista" political bloc, by exposing and leveraging their international supply chains.
- Provided technical expertise to Ecuadorian indigenous partner groups during high level negotiations with the government, and gathered evidence and testimony for legal actions before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and other international bodies.



Photo: Lancers Digitales

## Advance Indigenous Solutions

*Amazon Watch supports and promotes indigenous-led alternative solutions to climate change, natural resource extraction, and industrial development.*

In the FY 2017-2018 year we:

- Partnered with Empowered By Light and the Give Power Foundation to deliver solar-powered community energy and communications systems to indigenous partners in Ecuador and Brazil.
- Supported Ecuador's indigenous movement in organizing a 10,000 strong, 200+ mile march from the Amazon to Quito, which led to a historic meeting with President Lenin Moreno in which he committed to no new oil and mining concessions without consultation.
- Accompanied indigenous representatives from the Ecuadorian and Peruvian Amazon to the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues where we facilitated high level meetings and hosted several side events.
- Provided financial, technical and media support for the historic official launch in Quito of Sarayaku's Kawsak Sacha ("Living Forest") initiative as an alternative to industrial resource extraction.
- Supported and accompanied a grassroots march to Quito coordinated by Women Defenders of the Amazon who presented their platform rejecting extractive industries to President Moreno.
- Launched a new Amazon Protectors Fund to formalize our regranting program, while providing \$139,081 in funding to indigenous partners in Ecuador, Brazil, and Peru.
- Advanced the protection of vast tropical rainforests in the Sacred Headwaters region of Ecuador and Peru by deterring international investment in oil leasing rounds and supporting indigenous-led initiatives to secure land titles and develop and implement sustainable "life plans".





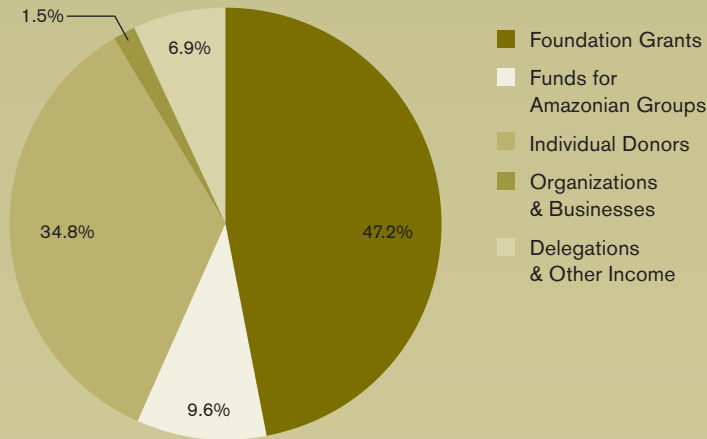
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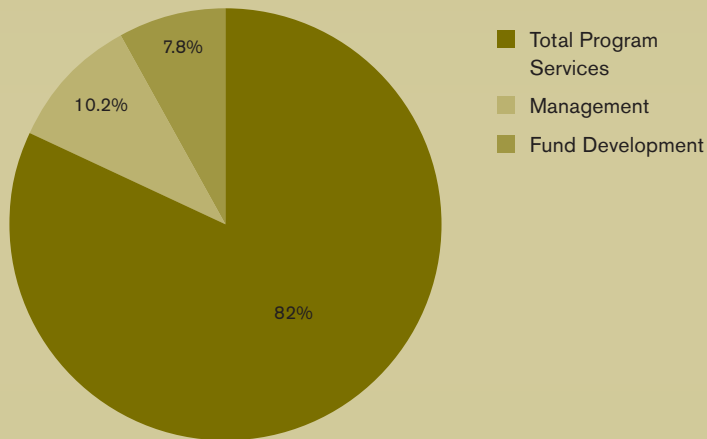
In the FY 2017-2018 year we:

- Convened a delegation of Ecuadorian indigenous partners in the Bay Area for the Global Climate Action Summit to participate in a series of high-profile activities highlighting the critical role of forest protection in meaningful climate action and emphasizing the need to halt new fossil fuel extraction and infrastructure from California to the Amazon.
- Actively took part in the 23rd Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP23) and supported a delegation of indigenous leaders from the Kichwa community of Sarayaku who presented at high level and side events.
- Responded to ongoing threats against the Shipibo community of Santa Clara de Uchunya and provided financial and media support to Shipibo leader Ronald Suárez in the aftermath of the killing of elder Olivia Arévalo.
- Used our participation in a new global coalition formed to defend Earth Defenders to uplift the unique kinds of support needed by indigenous peoples.
- Continued to pressure Chevron to change course, accept responsibility, and clean up its toxic legacy in the Ecuadorian Amazon.

## FY 2017-18 Income Sources



## FY 2017-18 Expense Allocations



## AMAZON WATCH SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT,

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018

### July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

#### INCOME

Foundation Grants	762,491
Funds for Amazonian Groups	154,259
Individual Donors	561,329
Organizations & Businesses	24,203
Delegations & Other Income	111,605
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>1,613,887</b>

#### EXPENSES

Programs & Campaigns	1,146,109
Grants to Amazonian Groups	154,771
Total Program Services	1,300,880
Management	161,637
Fund Development	123,527
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,586,044</b>

Net Income	27,843
Net Assets on July 1, 2017	243,060
Net Assets on June 30, 2018	270,903

#### Net Assets on June 30 Include

Cash Assets	127,696
Prepaid Expenses	7,625
Short-term Investments	
Grants Receivable	411,347
Other Assets	12,970
Total Liabilities	288,735
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>270,903</b>

Note: This report is based on the audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2018.



# THE AMAZON WATCH COMMUNITY

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Acción Ecológica	Comuna Moretecocha	Fundación Tiam	Kichwa Community of Sarayaku	Sierra Club
AIDA	CONFENIAE	Fundación Regional de Asesoría en Derechos (Inredh)	Movimento Xingu Vivo	Sociedade Paraense de Defesa dos Direitos Humanos
AIDSESP	CONAIE	Greenpeace Brazil, USA, and International	Mujer U'wa	Sunrise Project
AsoU'wa	De Olho nos Ruralistas (Agribusiness Observatory)	Give Power Foundation	Nacionalidad Achuar del Ecuador	Tapajós Vivo
Bioselva Brasil Pelas Florestas	DivestInvest	IIDS - International Institute for Law and Society	Nacionalidad Shuar del Ecuador	Terra Mater
Centro de Derechos Humanos de la Universidad Católica	Earthrights International	Indigenous Environmental Network	Nacionalidad Shiwiar del Ecuador	Uma Gota No Oceano
CDES	Empowered By Light	Instituto Centro de Vida	Nación Sapara del Ecuador	Unión de Afectados por Texaco (UDAPT)
The Chaikuni Institute	FASE	Instituto Raoni	OilWatch	Volontariato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo
Consejo Educativo Multiétnico	FENAP	Instituto Socioambiental	ONIC	Wakoboron Women's Association
Comisión Ecueménica de Derechos Humanos	Federación de la Nacionalidad Shuar de Pastaza	International Rivers	Pairiri Indigenous Association	Yasunidos
CIMI	Frente de uma Nova Política Energética	Ipereg Ayu	Pueblo Shuar Arutam	
Clearwater	Frente de Defensa de la Amazonia	Justiça Global	Rainforest Action Network	
COIAB	Friends of the Earth		Rede-Brazil	
			Rede-FAOR	



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The Steiner Family Foundation  
The Waterloo Foundation

### **\$25,000-\$49,999**

Anonymous  
Conservation, Food & Health  
Foundation  
JMG Foundation  
Mental Insight Foundation  
Chris Ruder  
Threshold Foundation

Tikva Grassroots Fund  
Timothy & Michele Barakett  
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Dharma Merchant Services  
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Harrington Family Foundation  
Jurgen Horn  
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Maurice O'Connor  
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Rainforest Concern  
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Schaffner Family Foundation  
Marlena Sonn  
Tomchin Family Charitable Foundation  
Malcolm Walter  
Paul Weaver  
Marion Weber

### **\$2,500-\$4,999**

Solomon Barnett  
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Danem Foundation  
Rob Evans  
Henry Massie Family Charitable Trust  
Aggie Lal  
Jim Luther  
Ana & Kobie Mahiri  
Marin Community Foundation  
Mary E. Weinmann Charitable Lead  
Linda Nicholes & Howard Stein  
Torkil Olesen  
Sarah-Jane Potts  
Sunlight Fund  
Stephen & Karen Wiel

### **\$1,000-\$2,499**

Katy Allen  
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# SACRED GIVING CIRCLE

Giving in a sacred way is central to many indigenous cultures, whether as a means of giving thanks, convening people for a shared purpose, gaining honor, or more equitably distributing resources so that all may survive. In this spirit, we have convened the Sacred Giving Circle, an interconnected circle of supporters with shared values to defend the Sacred Headwaters of the Amazon and keep sacred natural areas free from extraction.

Sacred Giving Circle members commit to bring \$25,000 in annual support to our work and partner with us to expand our community and grow our capacity for enacting change.

*"It is truly an honor to partner with Amazon Watch and invest in their critical work to defend indigenous rights, the Amazon and the climate for all of our collective future."*

– Monica Winsor,  
Sacred Giving Circle Member

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Amazon Watch calls upon our philanthropic partners to support our Amazon Impact Fund which seeks to raise \$1 million in the next 18 months.

Support for the Amazon Impact Fund will allow us to:

- Expand our on-the-ground team in Brazil, Colombia, and Peru and work more closely with our indigenous partners.
- Launch an Amazon Indigenous Rising Media Team to expand indigenous communications capacity and directly amplify voices and solutions of indigenous peoples.
- Grow our Solar for the Amazon program to support indigenous communities' pursuit of clean energy and communications capacity.





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