



# JUL 2016 - JUN 2017 ANNUAL REPORT



Dear friends of the Amazon,

As I reflect on the challenges of our time, I turn to the messages and guidance of our indigenous partners across Abya Yala (the Americas) who remind us to remain unified in resistance and in defense of indigenous rights, the Amazon and all of Mother Earth to protect all that is sacred.

In 1997, the U'wa people of Colombia declared that they would rather die than to allow L.A.-based Occidental Petroleum (Oxy) to drill for oil – a substance the U'wa believe to be the blood of Mother Earth – on their sacred ancestral territory. They said, “We will in no way sell our Mother Earth. To do so would be to give up our work of collaborating with the spirits to protect the heart of the world, which sustains and gives life to the rest of the universe.” Since then, Amazon Watch has stood in solidarity with the U'wa who have shown the world what it truly means to keep it in the ground and defend the sacred. We are honored to continue supporting their visionary leadership and recommit to advancing their solutions to protecting rivers, rights and rainforests for all.

While the threats to the Amazon and indigenous peoples seem daunting at times -- with reports of increased deforestation due to industrial activity and lawlessness resulting in attacks against earth defenders -- we cannot lose sight of hope and victories on the horizon.

As Naomi Klein says, “No is Not Enough.” She's right! That is why Amazon Watch is committed to both resistance and solutions. We must be bold and resist the continued threats to all of our communities and our global climate, and reject false solutions; listen to the wisdom of indigenous peoples – the guardians of Mother Earth -- who protect 80% of the planet's biodiversity and water on which we all depend for life; stand in solidarity with them and with the scientists who've confirmed that we must keep 80% of fossil fuels in the ground to avoid climate chaos; and create the solutions we want to see in the world, including supporting indigenous-led conservation efforts and building a renewable energy economy from California to the Amazon.

To do this, we need you! Please join us in defending the sacred with the U'wa, Sápara, Kichwa, Achuar Munduruku, and all of our indigenous partners and allies across Abya Yala. Together, we will win!

For the Amazon and Mother Earth,

Leila Salazar-López, Executive Director

# OUR WORK - PROTECTING THE AMAZON AND OUR CLIMATE BY SUPPORTING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES: JUL 2016 - JUN 2017

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.

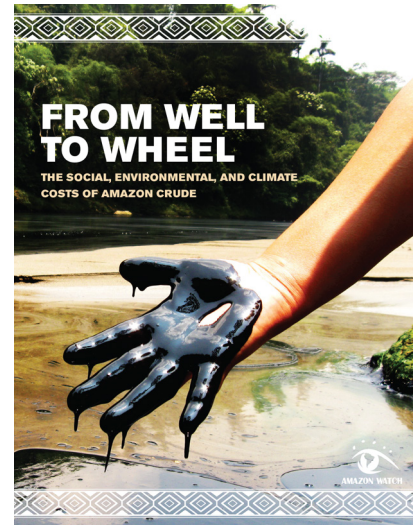
## STOP AMAZON DESTRUCTION

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

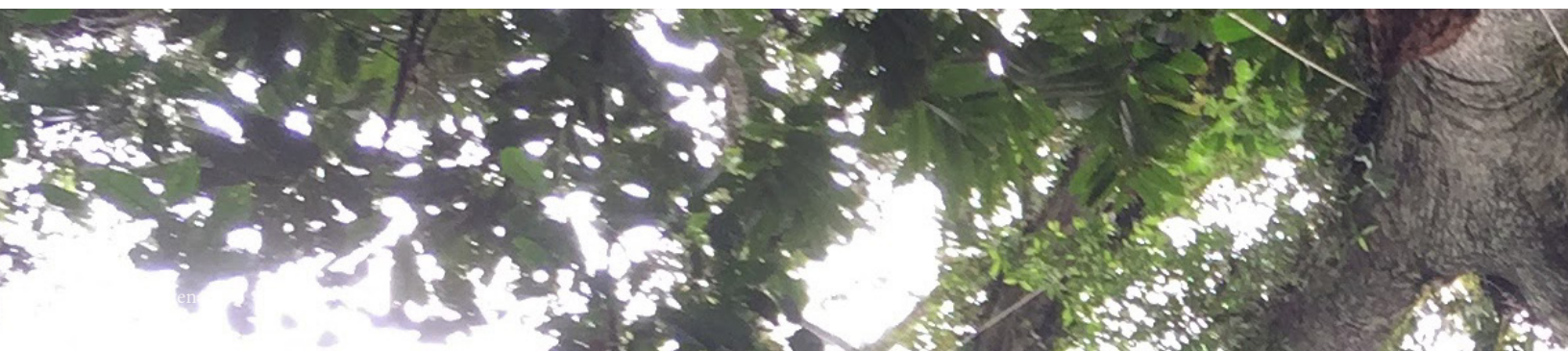
**Brazil dropped plans for the controversial Tapajós mega-dam:** In August 2016, Brazil's environmental agency cancelled the São Luiz do Tapajós (SLT) mega-dam, the largest hydroelectric project ever planned for the Amazon. Amazon Watch played an influential role in SLT's cancellation by shining an international spotlight on the government's plans for the Tapajós River, highlighting the Mundurucu's territorial struggles, and leveraging news coverage of the disastrous Belo Monte mega-dam as a cautionary tale.



**Our End Amazon Crude campaign took off:** In September 2016, Amazon Watch launched the End Amazon Crude campaign to bring the reality of oil drilling in the Amazon to the attention of its biggest consumer: the United States of America. In the months since, we have engaged 31 refineries and more than 50 of the largest corporate purchasers of this harmful fossil fuel, laying the groundwork for a market campaign to stigmatize Amazon crude as a toxic asset.



**The Achuar of Peru put oil company on notice:** In December 2016, Chilean oil company GeoPark announced its intention to explore for oil in Block 64, the same block from which the Achuar, with international support, kicked out Talisman and Oxy. The Achuar swiftly responded, notifying the company that it is not authorized to operate within Achuar territory. Amazon Watch connected the Achuar with international reporters and alerted key financial analysts who specialize in evaluating GeoPark for international bond markets to the pitfalls of investing in Geopark.



## ADVANCE INDIGENOUS SOLUTIONS

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

**Indigenous solar communications project launched:** In 2016, Amazon Watch began collaborating with Empowered By Light to provide clean energy and communications systems for the indigenous Amazonian communities in Brazil, Ecuador and Colombia. These communities are on the front lines of fighting dirty energy projects, and these solar systems allow them to better protect themselves and their territory, and share their stories with the world, without relying on dirty energy.

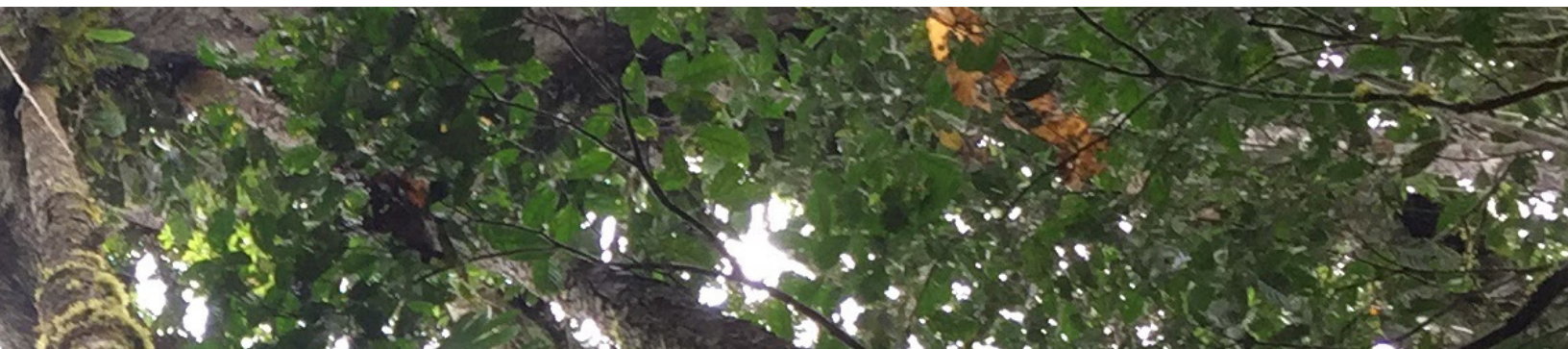


**Amazonian leaders strengthened the international movement for indigenous territorial rights:** Ensuring the collective rights of indigenous and traditional peoples is among the most effective strategies for conserving our global ecological heritage and mitigating climate change. Amazon Watch supported delegations from Ecuador (Sarayaku) and Colombia (U'wa) to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's September 2016 World Conservation Congress, where indigenous leadership played

a key role in the passage of Motion 26, which elevates "sacred natural sites" to protected area designations as "No Go" zones for extractive industries.



**Brazilian social movements fought back against right-wing attacks:** Throughout 2016 and 2017, Amazon Watch engaged with Brazilian allies and the international community to spotlight escalating environmental and human rights threats from Brazil's right-wing *ruralista* government leaders. We continue to work with the indigenous-led #Resista movement to draw international attention to the crisis and apply pressure to the *ruralistas'* international financiers.



## 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.

**The Kichwa people of Sarayaku brought legal claims against the Ecuadorian government before an international tribunal:** Amazon Watch provided logistical and financial support to the Kichwa people of Sarayaku to bring their legal claims against the Ecuadorian government before the Inter-American Human Rights Court in San Jose, Costa Rica in November 2016. Ecuador has failed to abide by a previous Court ruling on past illegal oil drilling and is now pursuing new oil extraction that also violates this decision.



**Indigenous Amazonian leaders joined tens of thousands at the Peoples Climate March:** Sápara and Shipibo leaders walked at the front of the Peoples Climate March in April 2017, alongside Standing Rock leaders and allies like Leonardo DiCaprio. Amazon Watch staff also organized and marched with the Land Rights Now contingent, making clear that indigenous territorial rights are a key component of addressing climate change and promoting climate justice.

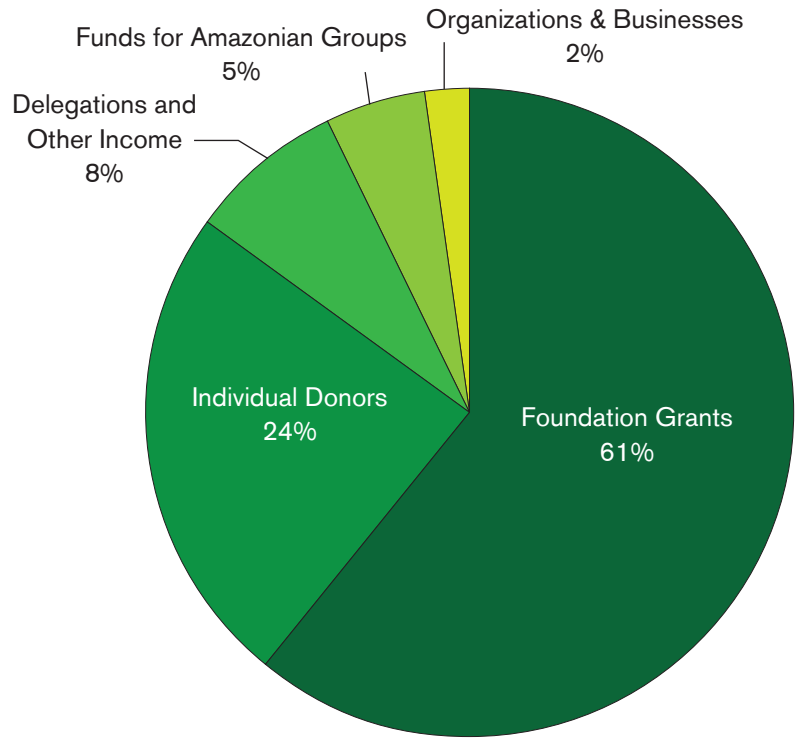


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**Amazon indigenous communities had financial resources to defend themselves and the rainforest:** Amazon Watch's re-granting program is a critical part of our engagement and advocacy work, providing financial resources to our indigenous partners to increase their capacity to wage their own campaigns. Since 2006, the re-granting fund has disbursed more than \$2.3 million to our indigenous partners from the Amazon. In 2016, with the support of a major donor, we launched an Earth Defenders Urgent Action Fund to provide rapid response grants to communities increasingly facing human rights violations at the hands of government and corporate forces.



## FYE 2016-2017 INCOME SOURCES



### AMAZON WATCH

## Summary Financial Report Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

### INCOME

Foundation Grants	999,120
Funds for Amazonian Groups	85,000
Individual Donors	395,902
Organizations & Businesses	36,618
Delegations & Other Income	128,190
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>1,646,830</b>

### EXPENSES

Programs and Campaigns	1,208,165
Grants to Amazonian Groups	181,918
Total Program Services	1,390,083
Management	159,403
Fund Development	137,026
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,686,512</b>

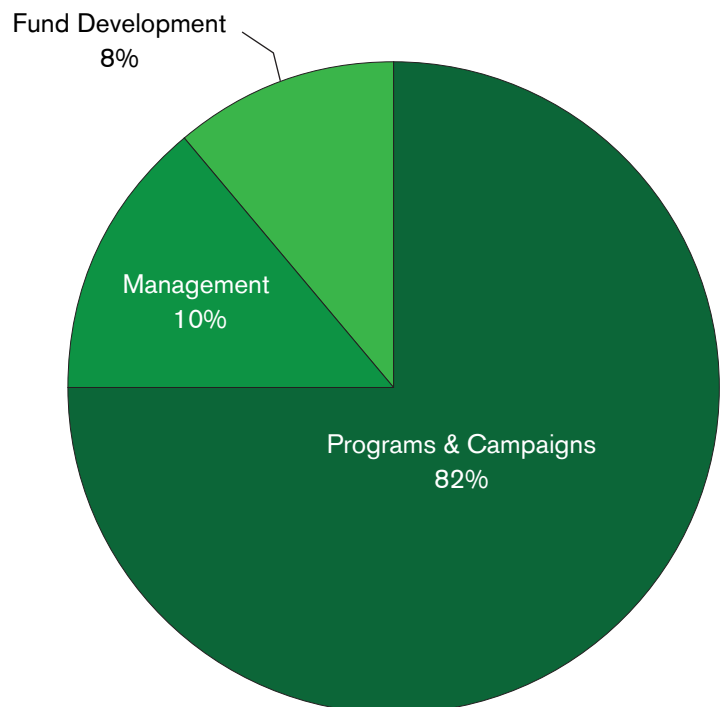
Net Income	<b>(39,682)</b>
Net Assets on July 1, 2016	282,472
Net Assets on June 30, 2017	243,060

### Net Assets on June 30 Include

Cash Assets	159,091
Prepaid Expenses	10,700
Short-term investments	
Grants Receivable	316,524
Other Assets	1,448
Total Liabilities	244,703
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>243,060</b>

Note: This report is based on the audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2017.

## FYE 2016-2017 EXPENSES





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