



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 2018-19 Annual Report and our work to Stop Amazon Destruction, Advance Indigenous Solutions, and Support Climate Justice. You make this 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 74 million acres of primary rainforests and Indigenous territories from resource extraction. To accomplish this, Amazon Watch partners 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 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, and we have redoubled our 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 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. We hope that you will join us in partnership this year and for many years to come.

With deep gratitude for your support,

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# OUR WORK - PROTECTING THE AMAZON AND OUR CLIMATE BY SUPPORTING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES: JUL 2018 - JUN 2019

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.

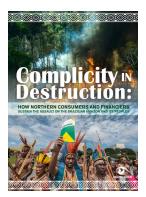


Amazon Watch advanced the End Amazon Crude campaign by raising the profile of Amazon crude as a harmful commodity to a broadening audience, including California policymakers, NGO allies, and local environmental justice leaders.



Together with the Association of Brazil's Indigenous Peoples' Amazon Watch released the Complicity in Destruction Report II, focused on the role of the financiers and corporations in supporting the Bolsonaro regime.

Amazon Watch implemented the groundbreaking Complicity in Destruction campaign in Brazil targeting 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.



Amazon Watch 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.

Amazon Watch 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 (Note: they withdrew in 2020).





# ADVANCE INDIGENOUS SOLUTIONS

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



Partnering with Empowered By Light and the Give Power Foundation we implemented our "Power to the Protectors" program providing solar-powered community energy and communications systems to Indigenous partners in Ecuador and Brazil.



Amazon Watch accompanied Indigenous representatives to the 25th Conference of the Parties United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change 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.

Amazon Watch provided financial, technical and media support for the historic official launch in Quito of Sarayaku's Kawsak Sacha ("Living Forest") proposal as an alternative to industrial resource extraction.



Amazon Watch provided key support and accompanied a grassroots march to Quito coordinated by Women Defenders of the Amazon who presented their platform rejecting extractive industries to President Moreno.

Amazon Watch launched the Amazon Defenders Fund to formalize our regranting program, while providing \$139,081 in funding to Indigenous partners in Ecuador, Brazil, and Peru.



Amazon Watch 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 Indigenousled initiatives to secure land titles and develop and implement sustainable "life plans".



# 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.



Amazon Watch 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.



Amazon Watch 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.

Amazon Watch 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.



We used our participation in a new global coalition formed to defend Earth Defenders to uplift the unique kinds of support needed by Indigenous peoples.



Amazon Watch worked in coalition with the True Cost of Chevron Network and other NGO allies to continue to pressure Chevron to change course, accept responsibility, and clean up its toxic legacy in the Ecuadorian Amazon.



# **FYE 2018-2019 INCOME SOURCES**

#### AMAZON WATCH

# Summary Financial Report Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019

#### **INCOME**

Foundation Grants	985,754
Funds for Amazonian Groups	62,500
Individual Donors	591,694
Organizations & Businesses	130,918
Delegations & Other Income	37,001
TOTAL INCOME	1,807,867
EXPENSES	
Programs and Campaigns	1,286,507
Grants to Amazonian Groups	201,126

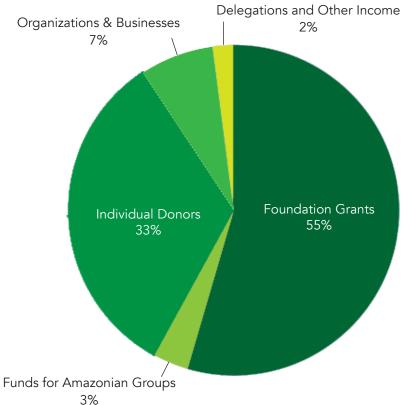
Total Program Services	1,487,633
Management	149,099
Fund Development	147,225
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,783,957

Net Income	23,910
Net Assets on July 1, 2018	270,903
Net Assets on June 30, 2019	294,813

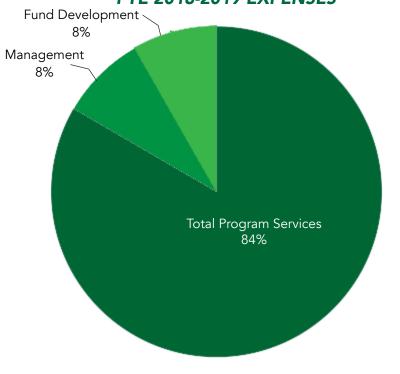
Net Assets on June 30 Include	
Cash Assets	401,527
Prepaid Expenses	4,825
Short-term investments	
Grants Receivable	31,110
Other Assets	15,157
Total Liabilities	157.806

Note: This report is based on the audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2019.

TOTAL NET ASSETS



FYE 2018-2019 EXPENSES





294,813



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**APIB** Acción Ecológica **AIDA AIDESEP** AsoU'wa Autonomous Territorial Government of the Wampis Nation Bioselva Brasil Pelas Florestas Centro de Derechos Humanos de la Universidad Católica **CDES** The Chaikuni Institute Consejo Educativo Multiétnico Comisión Ecuménica de Derechos Humanos CIMI Clearwater **COIAB** Comite Metropolitano pelas Florestas Comuna Moretecocha CONFENIAE CONAIE

# THANK YOU!

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