Rainforest Fund

2025 PROJECTS

South America

BRAZIL

- **Amazoni Alerta**
    - **Mission:** Territorial monitoring and legal defense for Indigenous lands in Araribóia and Uru-Eu-Wau-Wau.
    - Description**:** This project supports AmazoniaAlerta's efforts to enhance territorial monitoring and legal defense in collaboration with environmental agent teams. It focuses on immediate actions against illegal invasions and deforestation while integrating long-term strategies that combine monitoring with legal advocacy."

  Indigenous Rights Clinic
    - **Mission:** Strengthening legal networks and training Indigenous rights lawyers in the Amazon, this project brings together legal professionals and provides ongoing training to enhance Indigenous rights litigation.
    - **Overview:** The Indigenous Rights clinic is a unique and newly launched (In September 2024) initiative that provides an ongoing, professional, legal training and education program focused on teaching the practice and theory of Indigenous Rights Law. There is currently no mandatory Indigenous rights course for lawyers in Brazil. By bringing together lawyers working in Indigenous rights and facilitating the exchange of information, we can strengthen legal challenges and increase pressure on universities to make this course a requirement.
- **Tribes Alive**
    - **Mission:** Equipping Kayapó Mekrãgnoti firefighters and setting up boundary monitors to prevent wildfires.
    - **Overview:** This project will provide essential equipment and supplies for firefighting and territory monitoring to prevent further wildfire losses in Kayapó territory. It builds on last year's success with the Kuikuro firefighters in the Upper Xingu.
- **Instituto Raoni**
    - **Fire Brigade Emergency Support** – Emergency support to help indigenous firefighters combat fires in the Amazon rainforest.

- **Sustainable Cumaru (Tonka Nut) Production** – This project helps the community sustainably harvest cumaru, a naturally growing forest fruit that requires significant effort to collect. Urgent support is needed to prepare it for sale, preventing income loss and waste. Without this, they remain vulnerable to exploitation by industries threatening the forest.

COSTA RICA

- **Bribri/FPP**
    - **Mission:** Strengthen Territorial governance and rights advocacy for the Bribri and Broran communities and support environmental services in Costa Rica.
    - **Overview:** The project will empower Bribri women, focusing on ecological and cultural revival while advocating for FPIC protocols. It will also support Indigenous women's exchanges, research on Indigenous peoples' situations, and legal advocacy. Additionally, efforts will be directed toward supporting the Broran in their fight to stop a dam that threatens their livelihood.

PERU

- **Rainforest Foundation US**
    - **Mission:** To support Indigenous communities in Peru secure land titles.
    - **Overview:** Securing land titles is a crucial step in advancing Indigenous land rights and safeguarding rainforests. To effectively address deforestation and other harmful activities on their land, Indigenous communities need legal recognition through community-held land titles to assert their rights over their territories. Rainforest Foundation works with communities to help secure their land rights.

ECUADOR

- **Projecto Luchar – New Project**
    - **Mission:** Raising awareness of the impact and effects of environmental pollution caused by legal and illegal mining in rural indigenous communities of the province of Napo, Ecuador, and offer sustainable alternatives
    - **Overview:** Gold mining in Amazonian rivers has polluted the environment and harmed communities. This project aims to reduce mercury contamination and restore the ecosystem.

REPUBLIC OF CONGO

- **CECD/FPP**
    - **Mission:** Strengthen community governance and sustainable natural resource management in the Baka and Bakwélé communities of the Messok Dja massif in the Republic of Congo.
    - **Overview:** This project strengthens the capacity of local communities from 16 villages in the Messok Dja forest to manage their land and forests sustainably while enhancing governance structures.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (DRC)

- **ANAPAC**
    - **Mission:** Revitalize Indigenous Peoples' cultural knowledge to protect territorial rights and strengthen livelihoods in the Democratic Republic of Congo..
    - **Overview:** This project aims to protect the territorial rights and promote sustainable livelihoods of Indigenous communities in Walikale (North Kivu), Kiri (Maïndombe), and Mweka (Kasai Central).

Central African Republic

- **Rainforest Foundation UK**
    - **Mission:** Supports rights-based and inclusive forest management in the Central African Republic
    - **Overview:** This project supports community forestry and forest monitoring to enhance local economies, protect forests, and advocate for legal and policy reforms.

KENYA

- **CIPDP/FPP**
    - **Mission:** Securing the ancestral lands, forests, and livelihoods of the Chepkitale Ogiek community through governance and land title efforts.
    - **Overview:** After securing legal recognition of ancestral lands in 2022, this project will strengthen governance and land title efforts, prevent evictions, and support local schools and livelihoods.

UGANDA

- **UOBDU**
    - **Mission:** Empower Batwa youth and advocate for human rights and land recognition.
    - **Overview:** UOBDU works to secure Batwa rights by empowering youth through human rights education, supporting their engagement with authorities, andadvocating for land and livelihood justice.

Asia

INDONESIA

- **YMKL/FPP**
    - **Mission:** Securing Indigenous land rights in North and Central Kalimantan through legal advocacy and land mapping.
    - **Overview:** This project focuses on securing legal recognition for communities in Nunukan District, land mapping, and advocacy. It aims to protect lands, forests, and local seeds through sustainable development. Legal support, capacity building, and training on human rights and sustainable livelihoods will strengthen community-led efforts.
- **PNP/FPP**
    - **Mission:** Supporting the Bahau Dayak people in Mahakam Ulu to secure land rights and safeguard livelihoods.
    - **Overview:**This project supports Perkumpulan Nurani Perempuan (PNP) to help achieve land rights and safeguard livelihoods for the Dayak Indigenous communities especially amongst women.
- **Econusa**
    - **Mission:** Build Indigenous rights-based livelihoods and enhance forest protection in West Papua.
    - **Overview:** This project focuses on building the economy of Indigenous communities in Papua following the 2022 palm oil concession revocation. It aims to support communities in producing non-timber forest products in the mangrove forests, such as prawns, and facilitating market access, especially for these prawns.
- **RF Norway – Indonesia**

- **Mission:** Protecting rainforests in Southwest and West Papua by supporting sustainable Indigenous-led forest management.

- **Overview:** This project aims to strengthen the economy of Indigenous communities in Papua following the 2022 revocation of palm oil concessions. It focuses on supporting communities in the sustainable production of non-timber forest products, such as prawns, from the mangrove forests, and facilitating market access, particularly for these prawns.

THE PHILIPINES

- **Coalition Against Land Grabbing**

    - **Mission:** This project aims to empower threatened Indigenous communities by securing their forestlands and addressing livelihood needs. CALG is committed to advocating for the Indigenous Peoples' Rights Act (IPRA), processing CADT certificates, and supporting communities in developing their Ancestral Domain Sustainable Development and Protection Plans (ADSDPPs).

    - **Overview:** In 2025, the project will focus on securing land rights and addressing livelihood challenges through CADT applications, paralegal support, and conflict resolution. CALG will also assist Indigenous Environmental and Human Rights Defenders (EHRDs) and support community-driven initiatives like aquaculture, potable water systems, poultry farming, and mangrove replanting to enhance food security and sustainable development.