

EQUATOR PRIZE WINNERS 2015

On December 2015 the [21 winners of the Equator Prize 2015 have been celebrated in a ceremony held in Paris \(France\)](#) in the framework of the United Nations Conference on Climate Change (COP 21). Since 2002, the Equator Prize is awarded biennially to recognize and advance local sustainable development solutions for people, nature and resilient communities.

The Equator Initiative brings together the United Nations, governments, civil society, businesses and grassroots organizations and provides opportunities for indigenous peoples and local communities around the world to address the challenges of land degradation, biodiversity conservation and livelihood improvement in a socially equitable manner. It also ensures a connection is made between local actors on the ground, national governments and international policy makers.

Winners of the category *Protecting Forest*:

[South Central People's Development Association – Guyana](#)
[Wanang Conservation Area – Papua New Guinea](#)
[Mtandao Wa Jamii Wa Usimamizi Wa Mitsu Tanzania – Tanzania](#)
[Instituto Raoni – Brazil](#)
[Prey Lang Community Network – Cambodia](#)

Winners of the category *Safeguarding Rights*:

[Maya Leaders Alliance of Southern Belize – Belize](#)
[The Alliance of the Indigenous Peoples of the Highlands in the Heart of Borneo \(FORMADAT\) – Indonesia/Malaysia](#)
[Consejo Indígena del Pueblo Tacana – Bolivia](#)
[Union Soamitambatra – Madagascar](#)
[Muskitia Asla Takanka \(MASTA\) – Honduras](#)

Winners of the category *Community-based Adaptation*:

[Rural Green Environment Organization – Afghanistan](#)
[Kelompok Peduli Lingkungan Belitung \(KPLB\) – Indonesia](#)
[Kayonza Growers Tea Factory – Uganda](#)
[Umbrella Group of Naghadeh NGOs – Iran](#)
[Green Watershed – China](#)
[Oromia Pastoralist Association – Ethiopia/Kenya](#)

Winners of the Category *Activism for Environmental Justice*:

[Comité para la Defensa y Desarrollo de la Flora y Fauna del Golfo de Fonseca – Honduras](#)
[Movimento Ipereg Ayu – Brazil](#)
[Komunitas Adat Muara Tae – Indonesia](#)
[Wuasikamas, el modelo del Pueblo Inga en Aponte – Colombia](#)
[La Dynamique des Groupes des Peuples Autochtones – Democratic Republic of Congo.](#)

In 2013 the Equator Initiative was invited to incorporate the [World Network for Indigenous and Local Community Land and Sea Managers \(WIN\)](#). WIN is a network that brings together indigenous peoples and local community land and sea managers to share their knowledge and practices in managing ecosystems, protecting the environment and supporting sustainable livelihoods



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