

LOCAL INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES FROM ACROSS THE WORLD

WINNERS OF THE EQUATOR PRIZE 2020

The UN Development Programme (UNDP) and partners announced the [10 local and indigenous communities from across the world winners of the 11th Equator Prize](#). Each of the 10 winners represents outstanding community and indigenous initiatives that are advancing nature-based solutions for tackling biodiversity loss and climate change and implementing local sustainable development.



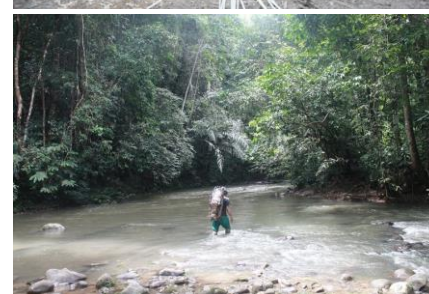
The website presents the summaries on each of the Equator Prize 2020 winners:

- [Vie Sauvage - Democratic Republic of the Congo](#)
- [Nashulai Maasai Conservancy - Kenya](#)
- [Salween Peace Park - Myanmar](#)
- [Asociación de Forestería Comunitaria de Guatemala Utz Che' - Guatemala](#)
- [Alianza Ceibo - Ecuador](#)
- [Vondron'Olona Ifotony Tatamo Miray an'Andranobe \(VOI TAMIA\) - Madagascar](#)
- [Alliance of the Indigenous Peoples of the Kayan Mentarang National Park - Indonesia](#)
- [Boon Rueang Wetland Forest Conservation Group - Thailand](#)
- [Mujeres y Ambiente SPR de RL de CV - Mexico](#)
- [Lutsël K'e Dene First Nation - Canada](#)



The winners were selected from 583 nominations from over 120 countries by an independent Technical Advisory Committee of internationally renowned experts. The selection was based on community-based approaches that provide a blueprint for replication and scaling solutions to address our biodiversity crisis. In particular, the 2020 edition of the Equator Prize included the following thematic priorities:

- Nature for Prosperity: Protection, restoration and/or sustainable management of terrestrial or marine ecosystems, biodiversity, and/or wildlife that enables sustainable and green livelihoods, enterprises and jobs; including indigenous economies.
- Nature for Water: Protection, restoration and/or sustainable management of ecosystems for water security.
- Nature for Climate: Protection, restoration and/or sustainable management of ecosystems that help mitigate greenhouse gas emissions, and/or help communities adapt to the impacts of climate change.



The Equator Initiative highlights that for years, Equator Prize winners representing indigenous communities have been urging to adopt a more indigenous-inspired way of coexisting with nature, acknowledging and respecting the connection between human and planetary health. Their approaches exemplify what actions can be taken to protect crucial ecosystems and biodiversity for generations to come.



Equator Prize winners will each receive US\$10,000 and they will join a network of 245 communities from 81 countries that have received the Equator Prize since its inception in 2002. Winners will also be celebrated through a series of virtual events in September 2020 during Climate Week NYC, in parallel with the UN General Assembly and Nature Summit.

Partners of the Equator Initiative include the governments of Germany, Norway, and Sweden, as well as Conservation International, the Convention on Biological Diversity, EcoAgriculture Partners, Estee Lauder Companies, Fordham University, the International Union for Conservation of Nature, The Nature Conservancy, PCI Media Impact, Rainforest Foundation Norway, Rare, UNEP, UN Foundation, USAID, WWF, and the Wildlife Conservation Society.

To know more

[Winners of the 11th Equator Prize](#)

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[Equator Prize video in Facebook](#)

[Nature-based solutions database in equatorinitiative.org website](#)

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[Equator Initiative Publications](#)

[Flowing from Nature in Equator Prize 2018 website](#)

[Equator Prize 2020 News in UNDP website](#)

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