

LOCAL AND INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES FROM ACROSS THE WORLD

WINNERS OF THE EQUATOR PRIZE 2022

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and partners have [announced the 10 Winners of the 13th Equator Prize](#), recognizing Indigenous peoples and local communities from Argentina, Brazil, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Gabon, Ghana, Mozambique, Panama and Papua New Guinea.

The Equator Prize webpage highlights that the winning organizations demonstrate how innovative, nature-based solutions can enable communities to achieve their own local development goals while building community resilience, even in a time of economic, environmental, political and public health shocks. The announcement also marks the [Equator Initiative's 20th anniversary, recognizing 264 winners to date](#).

The website presents fact sheets on each project of the Equator Prize 2022 winners. The website link of the winning organization is also highlighted in each summary sheet, allowing to know more about the approach and results of the practices in progress.

The winners of the Equator Prize 2022 are the following organizations:

- [Coordinadora Nacional para la Defensa del Ecosistema Manglar \(C-CONDEM\)](#). Ecuador. C-CONDEM promotes participatory and community reforestation of mangrove forests, reclaiming areas deforested by the industrial aquaculture and promoting an alternative, sustainable and inclusive land use. [Website](#).
- [RED TICCA Territorios de Vida en Argentina](#). Argentina. This consortium of Indigenous peoples throughout Argentina is conserving, managing and governing 3.5M ha of *Living Space*, through the largest Indigenous Conservation and Conserved Area (ICCA) network in the country. [Website](#).
- [Ocean Revolution Moçambique](#). Mozambique. The organization is empowering the local communities surrounding Inhambane Bay to play a central role in deciding how to best conserve their marine resources, training the next generation of ecotourism and conservation divers in the region. [Website](#).
- [Mbou-Mon-Tour](#). Democratic Republic of the Congo. The organization has developed a community-led ecosystem conservation that promotes the coexistence of Indigenous peoples and local Bonobo populations, through a legal framework of Local Community Forest Concessions (CFCL) designed to protect native biodiversity and respect local customs.
- [Organisation Écologique des Lacs et de l'Ogooué \(OELO\)](#). Gabon. OELO created in and around Gabon's largest Ramsar site, the Bas Ogooué the first community-written sustainable freshwater fisheries management plan that was signed into law



in 2018, improving the lives of local fisherfolk and creating numerous alternative economic opportunities in the region. [Website](#).

- [Associação Rede de Sementes do Xingu](#). Brazil. The Association has brought together women from 25 Indigenous, agricultural and urban communities to collect and commercialize over 220 different species of seeds for large-scale ecological reforestation, generating income and financially empowering Indigenous women. [Website](#).
- [Mauberema Ecotourism, Nature Conservation, Education Research & Training Center](#). Papua New Guinea. The initiative is leading a consortium of Indigenous community-based organizations to conserve their ecosystems and as a youth-led organization, they also partner with local universities to spur Indigenous youth to be the future of conservation workers in the country. [Website](#).
- [Sunkpa Shea Women's Cooperative](#). Ghana. This Indigenous, women-led cooperative is setting an example for sustainable commodity production through their shea butter production cooperative. The group integrates the organic production into international supply chains while improving the lives of 800 women. [Website](#).
- [Organización de Mujeres Indígenas Unidas por la Biodiversidad de Panamá \(OMIUBP\)](#). Panama. This Indigenous, women-led organization builds capacity in biodiversity, climate change, and traditional knowledge conservation techniques. Their overarching goal is to protect jaguars and to preserve territory and culture at the same time. [Website](#)
- [Associação Bebô Xikrin do Bacajá](#). Brazil. Working in the Trinchera Bacajá Indigenous area, the Association has developed a sustainable production system of coconut oil, turning the community's ancestral knowledge into an income-generating opportunity that funds the conservation of their lands. [Website](#).

The 2022 Equator Prize winners were selected from a pool of over 500 nominations from 109 countries by an independent Technical Advisory Committee of internationally renowned experts. They will receive US\$10,000 and the opportunity to take part in a series of special virtual events associated with the UN General Assembly, the UNDP Nature for Life Hub and COP 27 in Egypt.

The 2022 edition of the Equator Prize highlighted the theme of the [International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples](#): *The Role of Indigenous Women in the Preservation and Transmission of Traditional Knowledge*. Four of the 2022 Equator Prize winners are women-led initiatives, all ten promote gender equality in their community, and all showcase the importance of placing traditional knowledge and nature-based solutions at the heart of local development.

[The Equator Initiative is a multi-sector partnership](#) that brings together the United Nations system, governments, civil society, and grassroots organizations. The Equator Prize, organized by the Equator Initiative, is awarded to recognize outstanding community efforts to reduce poverty through the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. The sustainable community initiatives showcased by the Prize are collectively contributing to achieving the [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#). As local and indigenous groups demonstrate and exemplify sustainable development, the Equator Prize shines a spotlight on their efforts by celebrating them on an international stage.



To know more

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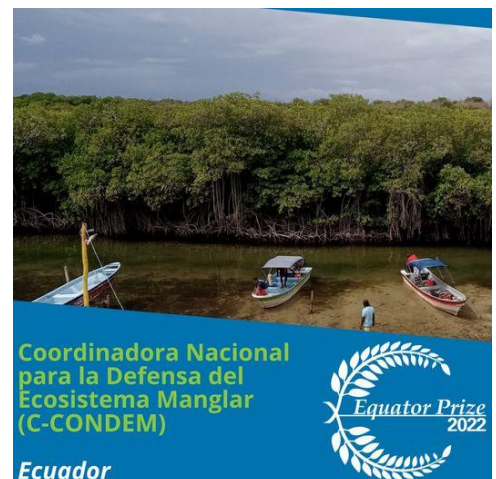
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