

PRESS RELEASE

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URGENT ACTION TO SAVE THE FORESTS AND THEIR PEOPLES!

Founded in 2015 in Paris, the Alliance of Mother Nature's Guardians is an international movement for peace that unites indigenous peoples and their allies to take care of protection of the planet and future generations.

Forests of our Mother Earth are homes to millions of people originated from indigenous peoples and forest dependent communities. These populations protect the forests because they need them to survive, maintain their lifestyle and ancestral traditions, as well as humanity as a whole needs the forests to survive.

This is not a recent concern, yet the attempts of protection and conservation of forests that were engaged by states have generally been inadequate or ended in failure. This is the case, for example, with the carbon offset programs such as REDD and its abundant variations.

The Alliance of Mother Nature's Guardians wish to Federate civil action around an international process of sanctuarization of forests, as proposed in article 11 of its <u>Declaration</u> of Alliance of the Guardians and Children of Mother Earth, released in October 2017, in Brasilia:

"The Alliance underlines the need for creating as soon as possible, with the support of States, an international legal status to efficiently protect these vital ecosystems from any form of predation. These ecosystems must not be used as part of a carbon market mechanisms that quantifies and commodifies Mother Earth."



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