STAKEHOLDER TOOLKIT

Forest and Climate Resources for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities

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Training:


Monitoring / Data-Sharing:

- **Forest Watcher** – A mobile app from Global Forest Watch allowing users (regardless of connectivity) to monitor areas of interest, view deforestation and fires, investigate specific areas and points, and collect information.

- **Rights and Resources Initiative Tenure Tool** – A platform on the Rights and Resources Initiative website granting rightsholders and the public accessible qualitative and quantitative data on forest tenure rights of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities. It tracks forest area under four tenure categories based on the rightsholder and strength of their rights under national law.

- **Mapeo** – An open-source software from Earth Defenders Toolkit built with Indigenous Peoples to assist earth defenders documenting environmental and human rights information and collect data about their lands. It helps share and document information, and can be customized to local languages and settings.

Understanding Rights:


- **Recognition of Indigenous Peoples in Nationally Determined Contributions** – A policy paper written by the International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs mapping governments’ Nationally Determined Contributions and analyzing the degree to which they recognize Indigenous Peoples’ rights in climate governance.
Local Governments:
- Guiding Principles for Collaboration and Partnership Between Subnational Governments, Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities – Guidelines from the Governors’ Climate and Forests Task Force for how local governments can collaborate with Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities. Endorsers include 17 Indigenous People and Local Community organizations and 17 Civil Society Organizations.

Companies:
- Respecting Land and Forest Rights: A Guide for Companies – A Rights and Resources Initiative and Interlaken Group co-written guide providing practical and detailed guidance for companies to respect local land and forest tenure rights

Civil Society Organizations:
- Land Rights Standard – A framework establishing a rights-holder-driven approach to climate and sustainable development actions dedicated to strengthening the recognition of Indigenous Peoples, local communities, and Afro-descendant peoples’ rights. It has endorsements from 74 Indigenous Peoples Organizations and Civil Society Organizations.

General Resources:
- Building Bridges: Innovations and Approaches to Increase Financing to Indigenous and Afro-Descendant Peoples and local Communities for Climate and Conservation Goals – A report overviewing emerging approaches to financing Indigenous Peoples and their allies to most effectively conserve and manage forests and rural landscapes.

RELEVANT FOREST DECLARATION ASSESSMENT REPORTS

PROTECTING AND RESTORING FORESTS (2019)

TAKING STOCK OF NATIONAL CLIMATE ACTION FOR FOREST (2021)
The Group on Earth Observations (GEO) Indigenous Alliance – An alliance of Indigenous representatives aiming to protect and conserve Indigenous heritage by using science, data, and technology to create and share knowledge that can sustain the earth.