

# Protection and recognition of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Rights for Forest Positive Outcomes

## Sustainable Palm Oil Dialogue

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# Agenda



Introduction and Poll	Barbara Wettstein, Nestlé
Why the protection and recognition of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Rights is important for forest positive outcomes?	Bryson Ogden, Rights + Resources Initiative
Discussion	All
Conclusion	Barbara and Bryson

# CGF's Forest Positive Coalition and the rights of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities



- Respecting human rights, including FPIC of indigenous peoples and local communities (IP/LCs), is part of the Coalition's 'forest positive' definition.
- Deforestation and land rights are intrinsically linked : there is a clear need need to include IP/LC rights, and in particular land rights, in the Coalition's work.

**What *forest positive* implementation means for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IP/LCs):**

*Respecting RIGHTS and improving LIVELIHOODS*

# We're integrating IP/LC into the Palm Oil Roadmap as a first step



## Linkage to Palm Oil Roadmap

### 1. Expectations of good practice

- Support guidance development, integration in sourcing guidelines, and develop KPIs, etc.

Element 1: Own Supply Chain

Element 5: Transparency & Accountability

### 2. Landscape Engagement

- Link to ongoing Coalition-wide Action work

Element 2: Suppliers & Traders

Element 4: Landscape Engagement

### 3. Remediation

- Build on work around land right grievances and Monitoring and Response Framework

Element 3: Monitoring & Response

### 4. Government engagement

- Link to ongoing Coalition-wide Action work

Coalition-wide Government and Stakeholder Engagement group

### 5. Livelihoods

- Initiate active work in 2022

Element 4: Landscape Engagement

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# Community Land Tenure and Forest Positive Supply Chains

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**Rights and Resources Initiative**  
[rightsandresources.org](https://rightsandresources.org)

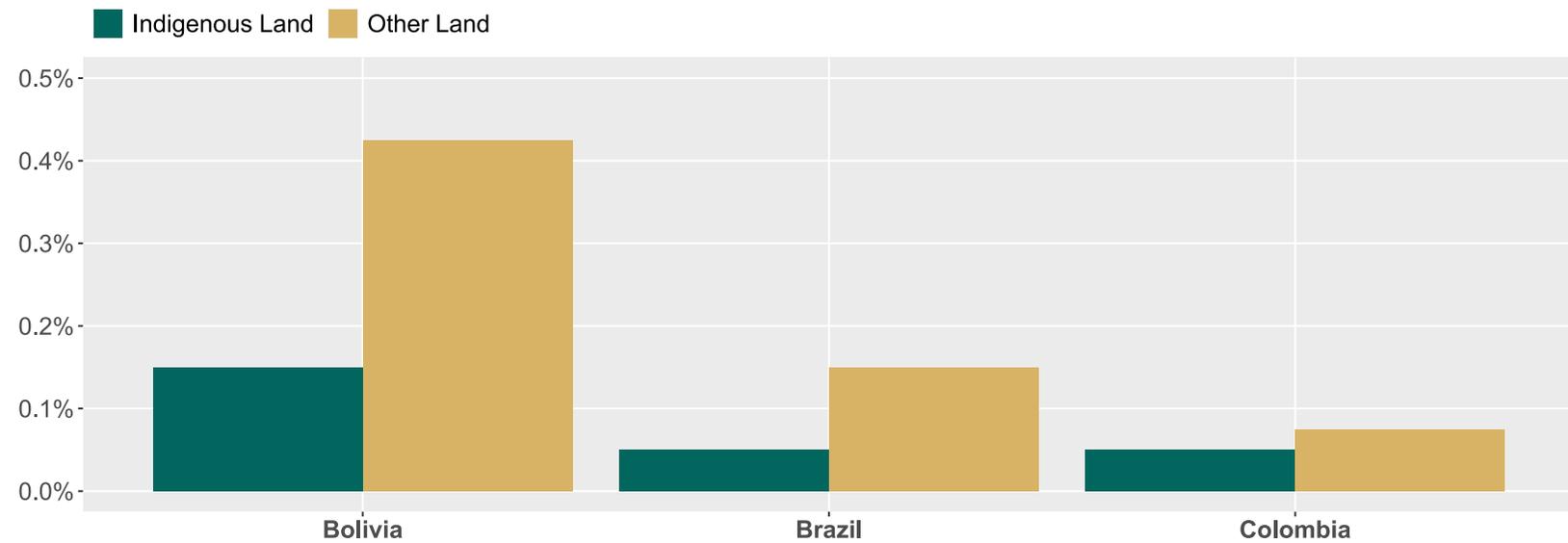


# 1.8 billion

Indigenous Peoples, Afro-descendant Peoples, and local communities claim, live in, and steward the earth's most diverse ecosystems- home to the majority of life on Earth.

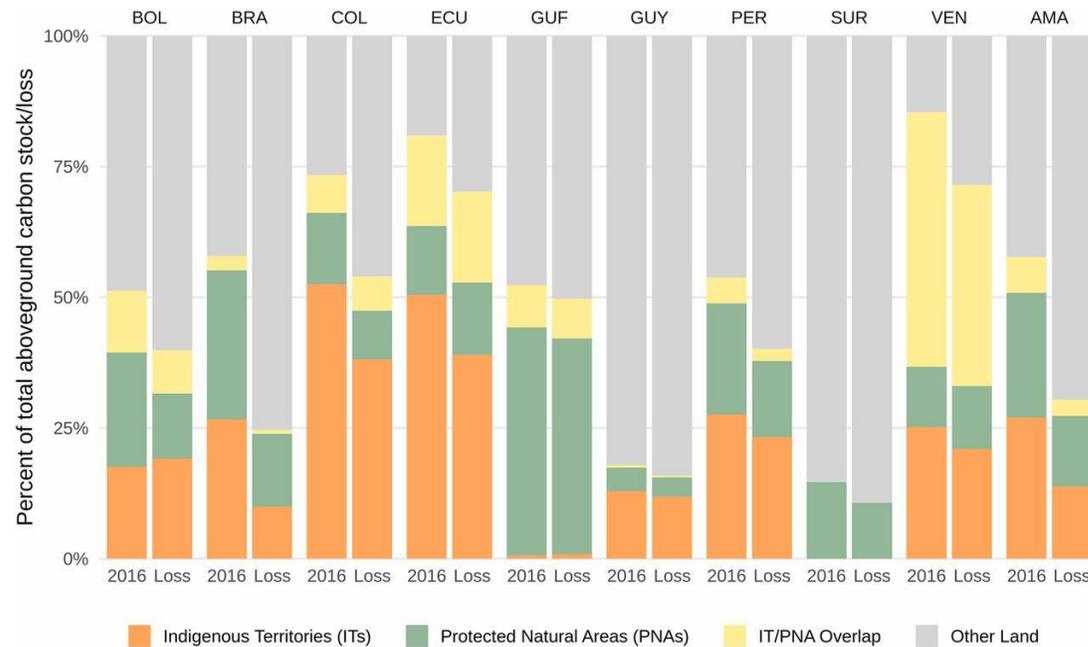


Forest lands owned and managed by Indigenous Peoples, local communities and Afro-descendant Peoples demonstrate **far lower deforestation** rates and higher rates of **carbon storage** than other protected and unprotected areas.



Annual Deforestation Rates in Bolivia, Brazil and Colombia (2000- 2021)

Source: WRI

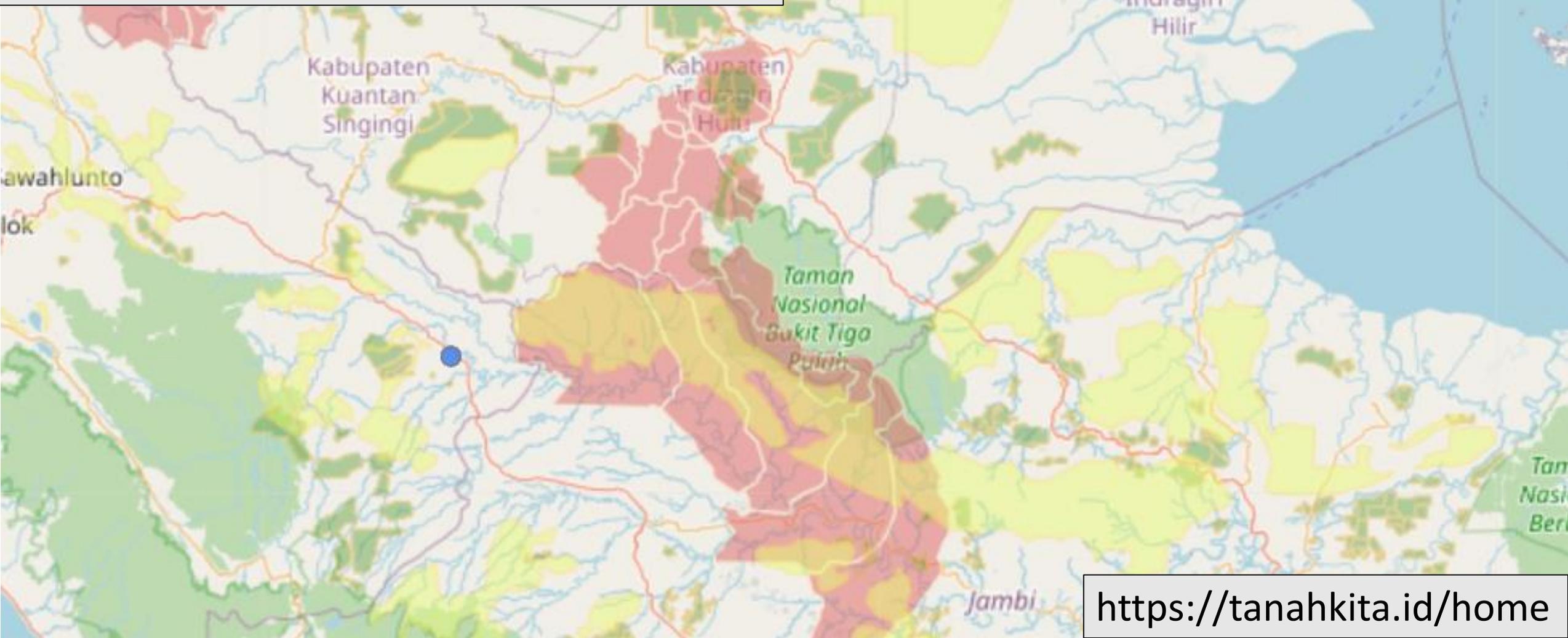


Distribution of aboveground carbon stock (2016) and loss (2003 to 2016) by region across ITs, PNAs, regions of IT/PNA overlap, and Other Land.  
Source: Walker et al. (2020)



**Yet less than 15%**  
of all forest lands globally  
are under formal legal  
ownership by Indigenous  
Peoples and local  
communities.

Insecure community land tenure is a persistent challenge to 'forest positive' supply chains.



## Impacts?

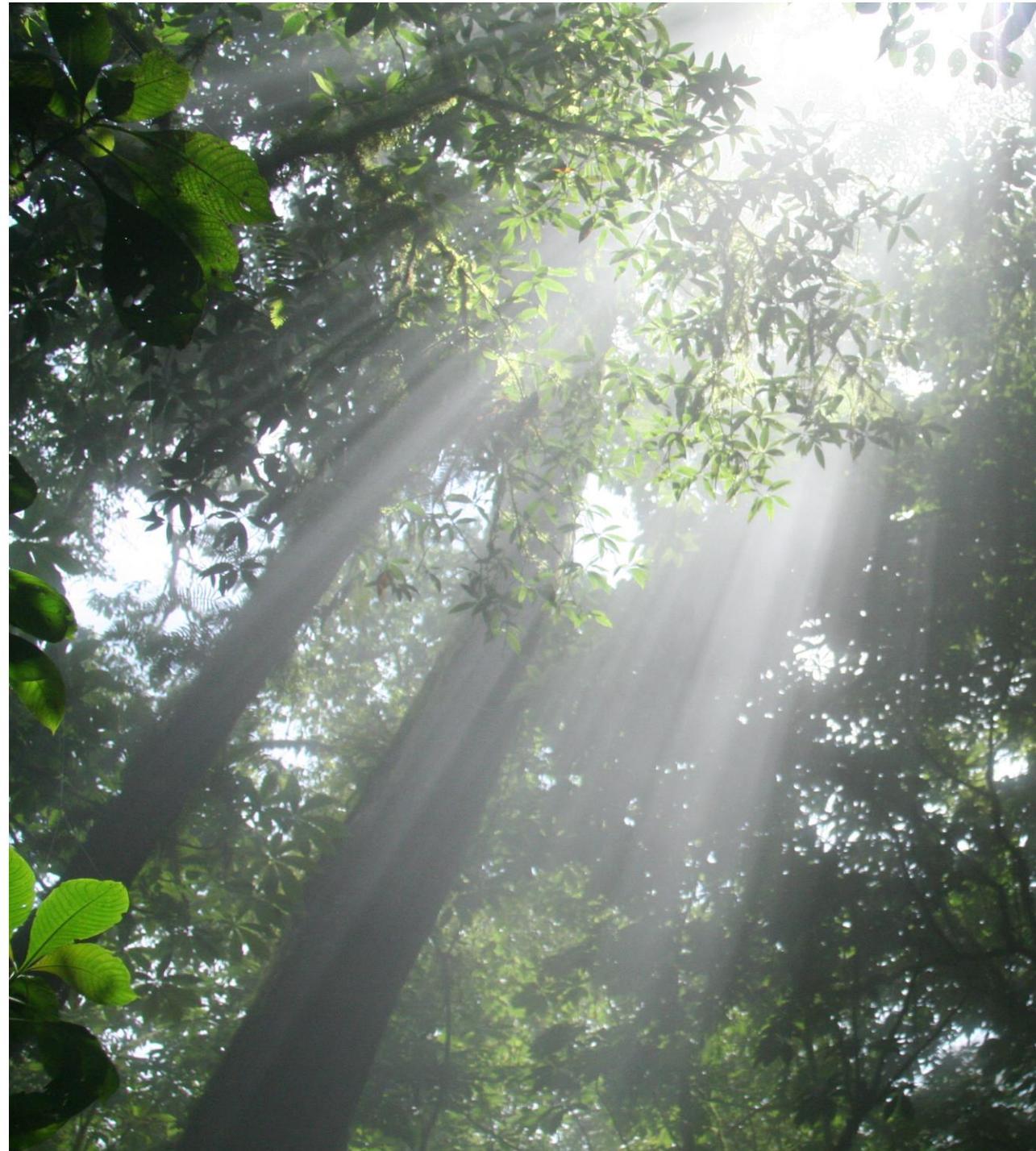
Human rights defenders persecuted,  
conflict persists locally (often invisible)



Local livelihoods insecure.



Environmental degradation persists



# secure land rights and advance forest positive outcomes?

**Incorporate grass-roots monitoring to identify, verify, and validate E&S impacts of supply chains.**

- ▶ New data for companies on land use, conflict, and impacts
- ▶ Vehicle to empower local peoples to help shape supply chains and investments impacting rights, livelihoods

Pilots in [Liberia](#), Indonesia.

**Leverage influence with governments (national and subnational)**

[Interlaken Group](#), and others, are creating spaces for balanced and constructive exchanges b/w policymakers, companies, and communities.

**Funding for IP, LC, and AD organizations to secure land rights.**

It would only cost ~\$1.8 billion to map and register community forest rights in 10 countries critical for forests (and palm oil)

[www.PathToScale.org](http://www.PathToScale.org)

# Discussion



- What lessons have you learned about addressing community land tenure over the last 5 to 10 years? What barriers to action and collaboration do you see today?
- What actions would you like CGF Forest Positive members to take on Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities rights?