

OIL COMPANIES MUST LEAVE AREAS INHABITED BY UNCONTACTED TRIBES

Survival International is extremely concerned about the activities of oil companies Perenco, Repsol-YPF and ConocoPhillips in oil blocks 39 and 67, in the Loreto region of Peru's northern Amazon.

This region is one of the most biodiverse in the world and is home to at least two uncontacted tribes.

Uncontacted Indians are extremely vulnerable as they lack immunity to outsiders' diseases and they face the very real threat of extinction if they are contacted.

By permitting Perenco, Repsol-YPF and ConocoPhillips to operate in the region, the Peruvian government has disregarded the extensive anthropological evidence supporting the existence of uncontacted tribes there.

Working on land inhabited by uncontacted tribes would be contrary to international law, which requires that indigenous peoples are consulted about projects affecting them.

The companies involved are gravely endangering the lives not only of the Indians, but also of their own workers.

Survival International is therefore demanding that Perenco, Repsol-YPF and ConocoPhillips immediately suspend all operations in blocks 39 and 67.

If they do not, some of the most vulnerable people on the planet could be destroyed.

The following organisations have pledged their support for Survival International's petition:

Forest Peoples Programme
AIDSEP
Amazon Watch
Save America's Forests
Rainforest Action Network
Fondation France Libertés
Earth Day Network
Indian Treaty Council
Indigenous Environmental Network
Rettet den Regenwald / Salva la selva
ODG - Xarxa de l'Observatori del Deute en la Globalització
Repsolmata
Ecologistas en Acción
Ekologistak Martxan, Euskal Herria/País Vasco
Entrepobles-Entrepueblos-Herriarte-Entrepobos
AlterNativa

OMAL - Observatorio de Multinacionales en América Latina (Paz con Dignidad)
ALMÁCIGA
Lliga dels Drets dels Pobles
SETEM
ESF
Soldepaz – Pachakuti
L'Assemblea Bolivariana de Catalunya
STOP IMPUNIDAD
ALI SUPAY - Associació en defensa dels pobles indígenes
ATTAC España
ATTAC Catalunya
RETS, Respuestas a las Empresas Transnacionales
EdPAC -Educación para la Acción Crítica
Col·lectiu Maloka Colombia, Barcelona
CONADEE - Coordinadora Nacional de Ecuatorianos en España
Fundación Hijos del Maíz
GIDHS - Grupo de investigación en derechos humanos y sostenibilidad, Barcelona
Associació d'Amistat amb el Poble de Guatemala
Unión Universal Desarrollo Solidario
ONG Africando
Campaña "¿Quién debe a Quién? - Madrid"
MUVACOFUM - Mujeres con Valor construyendo un Futuro Mejor
CIPO-RFM Consejo Indígena Popular de Oaxaca "Ricardo Flores Magón"
AMAP - Alianza Mexicana por la Autodeterminación de los Pueblos
RMALC - Red Mexicana de Acción frente al Libre Comercio
Centro de Derechos Humanos Tepeyac del Istmo de Tehuantepec, A.C.
Ecuador Decide, Colectivo de Mujeres Acción Política por la Equidad de Ecuador
CEDENMA - Coordinadora Ecuatoriana de Organizaciones para la Defensa de la Naturaleza y del Ambiente
Acción Ecológica
FOCO - Foro Ciudadano de Participación por la Justicia y los Derechos Humanos
CAOI Coordinadora Andina de Organizaciones Indígenas -
GegenStrömung - ContraCorriente
Informationsstelle Peru
Regenwald-Institut e.V.
Collectif Guatemala
ACSUR-LAS SEGOVIAS
Fédération Internationale des Droits de l'Homme
CATAPA