

# F. FORESTS & GENDER JUSTICE

IUCN NL supports Indigenous Peoples' and local community-led forest governance in tropical forest landscapes where nature is under threat. We promote inclusive natural resource governance, through a gender equal and intersectional approach, ensuring the participation and leadership of women in decision-making processes around their forests and territories. We campaign for women's rights in forest policies and for an end to gender-based violence.

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Women and girls often play a central role in nature conservation. They are disproportionately affected by a degrading natural environment undermining their roles as providers of food, water, firewood and herbal medicine. In many cases women are denied access and ownership over natural resources and their benefits and are marginalized when it comes to decision-making processes around forests, waters and lands. They are facing discrimination and deeply rooted power imbalances. This is especially true for indigenous women. Moreover, gender-based violence is used as a weapon to silence environmental defenders.

## OUR COMMITMENT

### IUCN NL

- addresses gender inequality and its root causes from an environmental perspective
- applies an intersectional feminist approach
- supports the rights, voice, position and leadership roles of women and (eco)feminist solidarity networks
- promotes involvement of the whole community (men and women) in work on gender justice
- contributes to gender equality in regional mechanisms such as Escazu
- advocates for gender equality in policies (at country / regional / international levels) regarding forests and land rights

### USPs

- support for ecofeminist groups
- organisation of exchanges and management of (small) grants programmes
- more than 30 years experience in re-granting funds to feminist networks and women's groups
- work together with specialised organisations. such as WECF



## FORESTS & GENDER JUSTICE: SOME EXAMPLES OF OUR WORK



Sustainable land use benefits both people and nature. In many parts of the world, however, women do not have equal opportunities in ownership and use of land and its resources. MoMo4C works on business enterprise development in six landscapes in Africa and Asia that face a large variety of threats to their biodiversity and climate resilience. Our Ugandan partner applies the GALS approach to bridge the gender gap between men and women in rural communities

Based on baseline research and the Observatorio Amazonia, we elaborate on dynamics in deforestation contexts in the Colombian Amazon. The study, conducted as part of our Amazon rights in focus project, analysed the role of women in the main drivers of deforestation. Applying critical feminist geography and intersectional approaches, it focused on power relationships affecting forested territories based on social inequalities related to gender, ethnicity and age. Central to the methodology was the notion of how the body is the first territory impacted by environmental degradation and conflict.



### JOIN US IN WORKING TOWARDS GENDER JUSTICE IN AND AROUND TROPICAL FORESTS



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