



Tenure Facility

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This presentation

1. Why Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities IP & LC are important
2. The centrality of land tenure and forest rights
3. What is the Tenure Facility - our global footprint
4. Some highlights



Source: FAO



Why are IP & LC forests important?

- One billion rural people depend on forests for their livelihoods





IP & LCs are essential for biodiversity

- Local communities manage **over half** the world's lands and forests
- **Nature is better protected** in Indigenous land than elsewhere
- **40% of protected areas overlap** with IP & LC lands
- IP & LC hold **cultural & biological knowledge** essential to forest conservation



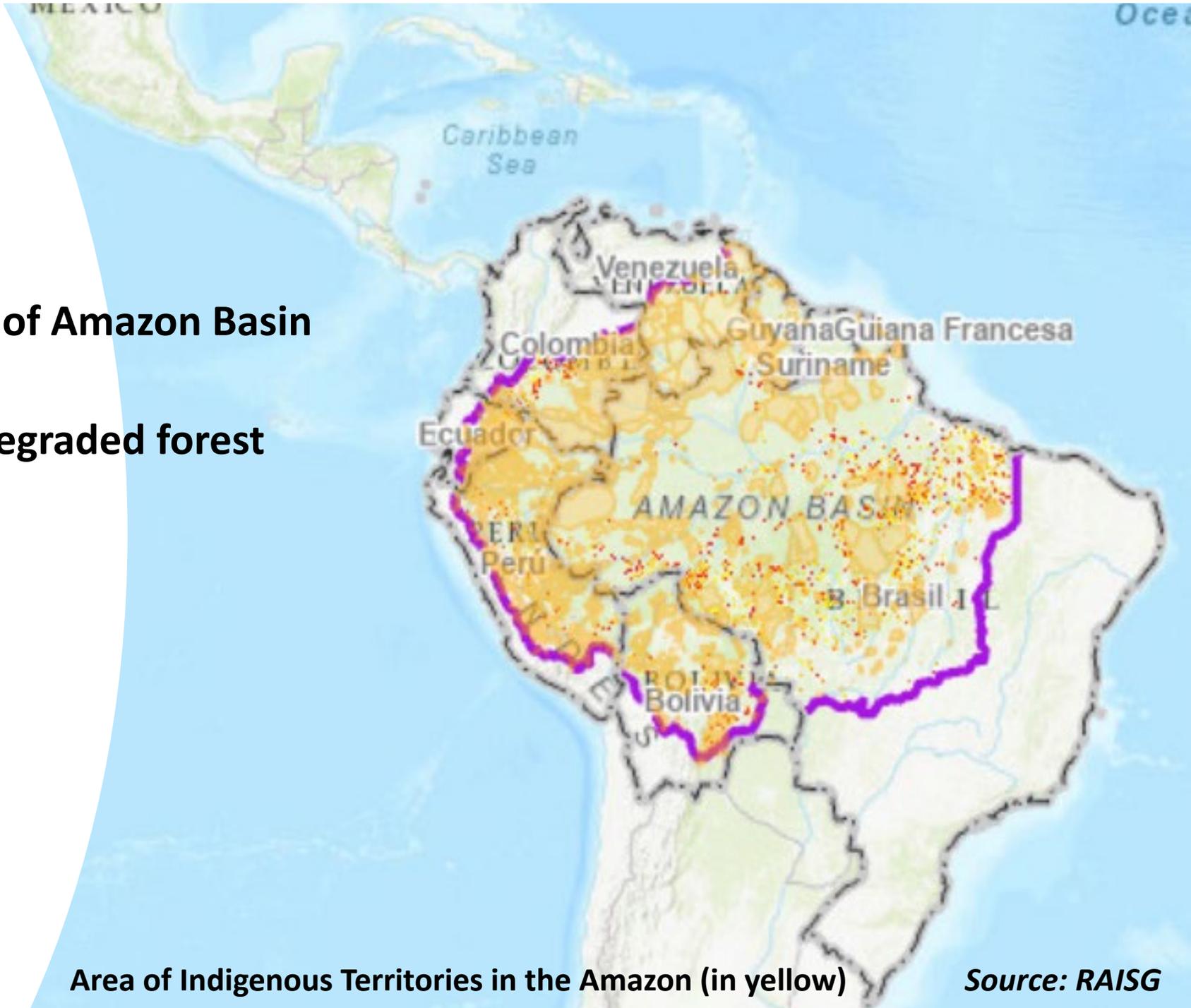
IP & LCs are essential for climate

- At least 20% of world's tropical forest carbon is protected by IP & LC
- Deforestation is lower in indigenous forest territories



• Source: RRI, Woods Hole Research Centre)

- IPLC forests cover huge area of Amazon Basin
- 237 million ha
- 45% of remaining large un-degraded forest



Area of Indigenous Territories in the Amazon (in yellow)

Source: RAISG



The centrality of IP & LC land tenure and forest rights

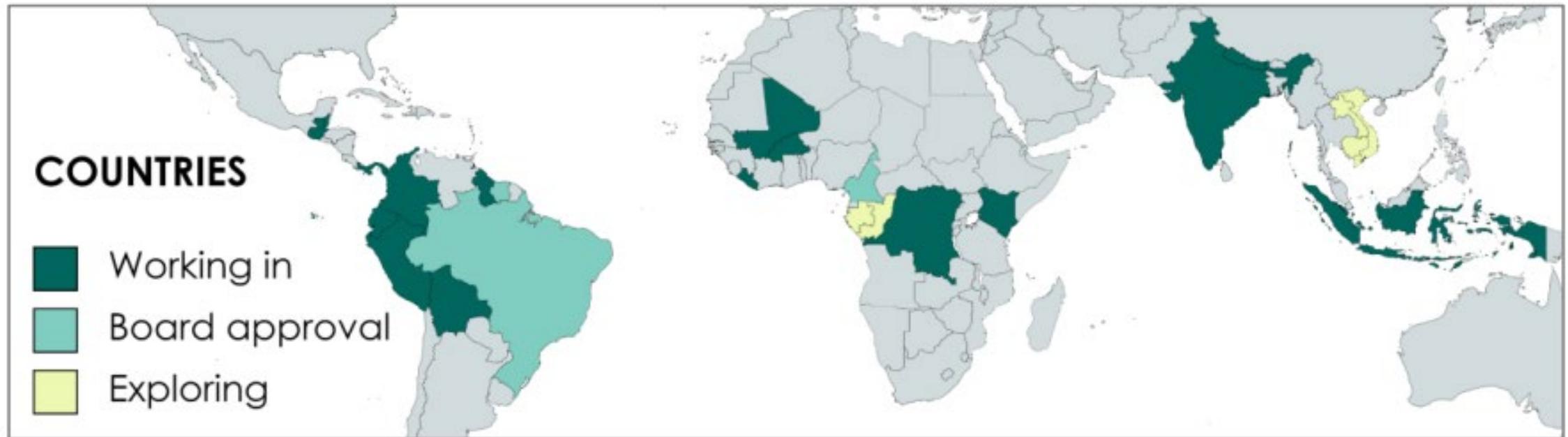
- Deforestation is even lower in IP & LC lands with secure & protected tenure

BUT....

- There is a “tenure security gap”
- IP & LC have legally recognized rights to only 18% of forests & lands they manage
- Without secure tenure IP & LCs are vulnerable ... as are their forests
- 40% of environment & land defenders killed, are Indigenous
- IP & LC tenure security for protects lives, livelihoods, the climate and biodiversity

Tenure Facility's 2023 global foot print

- 24 countries - 10 IP & LC projects in Latin America, 8 in Africa, 6 in Asia



The Tenure Facility

- Direct support to IP & LC organisations to secure and sustain their forest and land tenure
- Active IP & LC tenure projects in 16 countries now
- 24 countries in 2023
- Half in 3 largest humid tropical rainforest regions: Amazon Basin, Congo Basin, insular southeast Asia

Democratic Republic of Congo

Country Opportunity:

- Up to 75 million ha potentially available for the local communities
- So far, 154 local community forest concessions (CFCLs) allocated over 3 million ha

Tenure Facility Project Partners:

- Centre for Support of Tropical Forest Management (CAGDFT)
- Congolese Resources Institute
- Centre to Accompany Communities for Multisectoral Development
- Evangelic Community of Christ of Ubangi
- Centre for Community Promotion and Education



Results: Democratic Republic of Congo

IP & LC Project:

- *“Support for securing the land and forest rights of local communities of indigenous peoples as well as women”*

Results 2020-22:

- 13 local community forest concessions secured in 5 provinces covering 200,000 ha
- Strengthened local land management
- 2nd project phase under design



Indonesia

Country Opportunity:

- 50-70 million IPs claiming 40 million ha of territory
- 12 million ha already mapped
- 2013 Constitutional ruled Indigenous forests are not State Forest
- Legal avenues for community tenure rights under Social Forestry & Agrarian Reform policies

Tenure Facility Project Partners:

- Indigenous Peoples Alliance of the Archipelago (AMAN)
- Ancestral Domains Registration Agency (BRWA)

IP & LC Project:

- *“Accelerating Agrarian Reform Implementation and Recognition of Indigenous Territory in Indonesia”*



Results: Indonesia

Results 2022:

- 6 district governments approving regulations recognizing Indigenous territories (2 approved benefiting 172 Indigenous communities)
- 6 other district governments implementing existing regulations
- Conflicts between the state & IPs resolved in 75 communities with designation of “customary forests
- Indigenous Peoples’ organisations signed agreements with the National Park Authority to co-manage three national parks

Expected results 2023:

- 350,000 ha Indigenous lands will be mapped.
- Organisational capacity building, women’s land rights and gender equality, youth inclusion, and protection of human rights defenders

