



# GREENPEACE

## The Arborek Declaration

This declaration was made by 100 Indigenous Peoples and impacted communities who gathered at Arborek village in West Papua, at the meeting of 20 sub-ethnic groups of Raja Ampat people. We have shared stories of our ancestral history and knowledge of the life systems that sustain the environment and our existence for generations.

Yet we also recall our collective grief of what we have lost—our lands, islands, forests, languages, identity, cultural practices—for they have been sacrificed by colonial extractivism through mining, logging, and other industrial scale destructive industries that exploit the Indigenous territories.

We, the Indigenous Peoples of the four largest tropical forest regions of the world—the Amazon, Congo Basin, Borneo, and West Papua—speak today in a collective voice.

We commit to strengthening intergenerational networks and global solidarity to share strategies, struggles, and solutions to fight against the multidimensional crises that are threatening our nature and humanity. We call on governments, institutions, businesses, and all sectors of civil society to:

1. *Recognise* that the current exploitative economic system is the root cause of the destruction of nature and culture in the world.
2. *Recognise* that the existing and growing practices of Indigenous knowledge and systems are the solutions for halting biodiversity loss, climate crisis, and destruction of cultural diversity.
3. *Advance* all efforts and provide support that strengthen and develop the practices and actors of Indigenous knowledge system, including direct access to finance for Indigenous Peoples.
4. *Urge* the development and implementation of policies and regulations that strengthen the Indigenous Peoples' rights progressively—inter alia, the recognition of Indigenous and traditional territories; protection from all forms of discrimination, intimidation, legal and physical attack; and free prior and informed consent (FPIC) in all decision making processes—to achieve global climate and biodiversity targets.
5. *Ensure* the rights of Indigenous women and youth, including the rights to freedom of expression, and participation in political decision making spaces and all activities of Indigenous agenda.
6. *Urge* the development and implementation of corporate accountability and liability against ecosystem and climate destruction, including through restoring the land rights of Indigenous Peoples that have been forcibly dispossessed and harmed by the industries.

Unity is our greatest strength. The Indigenous Peoples of the Raja Ampat region, of Indonesia, of the tropical rainforests and of all countries must stand in solidarity; only in this way will we win our fight in different parts of the world to secure our rights.

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