Why land rights are important, for protection of biocultural heritage of indigenous peoples

A Dialogue

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Where land rights & biodiversity connect
Secure tenure + active forest and natural resources managers

- Partnerships for mapping, plan land-use –influence the decisions that will ensure **good forest, biodiverse management** – and improve their organizations, livelihoods.
- Clear aim: secure up to 24 million hectares in the next five years.
Peru

SPDA assists community forest managers in Loreto and Madre de Dios, in titling 200,000 has, leveraging 5 million hectares

Panama

COONAPIP advancing titling of 223,500 hectares in four territories and resolving 18 tenure conflicts affecting their land
Liberia's new protocol for self-identification is advancing partnership with National Land Agency for adoption and upscaling.

Cameroon

Testing community mapping to plan land use across Cameroon's 360 municipalities with methodology attracting National Cartography Institute and other agencies.
INDONESIA's Alliance of indigenous peoples AMAN securing tenure in over 1.5 million hectares belonging to 200 indigenous communities

In our first 3 years, local initiatives in highly forested tropical countries are committed to safeguarding the rights of Indigenous Peoples and local communities.
Our niche, opportunity

• Rapid response to support IP/LC
• Respectful (fits with IPs/LCs perspectives & aspirations)
• Flexible
• Strategic
• Designed to scale, with paths to scale up
• Implementation, not advocacy
• Synergistic relationships with IP/LC & builds on their knowledge and strategic intelligence to further shared goals.

Challenges

• Demand for support far outstrips supply
• Demonstrate scale that is possible & effective, (in diverse political and social contexts)
• Developing and deploying robust and risk adjusted systems (financial and administrative compliance, not missing strategic opportunities for impact)
• Supplemental land and forest ‘care-giving’ support
Thank you.

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