



Choco

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Pietrino,

It might be the most important rainforest you've never heard of. The Ecuadorian Choco is one of the most biodiverse places on the face of the Earth, a forest so rich with life that a recent trip by scientists took only 45 minutes to discover a new species!

But 98% of it has already been decimated by logging...and a palm oil giant wants to destroy what little is left.

Fortunately, a **tiny local community is fighting back with all their might** – and taking these planet-destroyers to court!

Legal experts say they can win – **but the key to the case is a costly environmental study that they simply can't afford.** Can you help these local heroes save this critical piece of our planet's nature?

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The Afro-Ecuadorian community of Baranquilla de San Javier **owns this land**. They even have the paperwork to prove it. And while they wait for the lawsuit, **they've been peacefully organizing to defend their forest against this merciless ransacking**.

They've blocked roads and done everything they can to slow down Energy Palm's plans. But the moment the company got wind of the legal action, they retaliated with a lawsuit of their own, falsely accusing this tiny community of causing hundreds of thousands of dollars of damage.

This is a lie. Even police reports don't show any material damage caused by Indigenous organizing efforts. But Energy Palm's strategy is crystal clear: it wants to bury this small community under legal fees they can't afford – and **make them give up their resistance**.

Your donation today will go to quickly **hire researchers, pay for the field work the study entails**, and support our campaigning to protect this small community and their precious ecosystem against yet another corporate bully. **Can you chip in?**

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If this community has to pay anything to this greedy company, it would be a huge loss for everyone organizing to protect forests everywhere. **Peaceful forest protectors shouldn't be legally bullied by rapacious companies that pillage one of our most precious collective resource**.

But SumOfUs members like you have helped save rainforests and Indigenous ancestral lands all over the world before. We **must repeat this miracle again and again**.

Will you donate to give this small community a fighting chance?

Thanks for all that you do,
Ibrahim, Alys, and the team at SumOfUs

More information:

[Community in Ecuador punished for trying to stop alleged palm oil pollution](#). Mongabay. 4 February 2022.

[Ecuador: Defensores del ambiente sentenciados a pagar 151 mil dólares a palmicultora](#). *Pressenza*. 11 September 2021. (Spanish; [here in English](#))

Comuna de Barranquilla insiste en denuncia contra palmicultora por contaminación e invasión de tierras. GK. 1 December 2021. (Spanish)

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