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Global Climate Initiative

Initiative Overview

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation works with people and communities to create enduring solutions for just societies and a healthy, resilient natural world. We believe that by working in partnership with funders, organizations and regional leaders, we can stop and reverse tropical deforestation—one of the biggest drivers of climate change—and secure a healthier, more sustainable future for all.



The Challenge

Tropical forests are essential to life on Earth. They absorb 10% of our annual carbon emissions, regulate weather, and provide clean air and water for millions. Indigenous Peoples and local communities, who manage roughly a quarter of these forests, have protected them for generations. Yet industrial agriculture, logging, mining, and fires are destroying tropical forests at alarming rates, threatening lives, accelerating climate change, and contributing more emissions than all global transportation. Protecting and restoring tropical forests could get us 30% closer to global climate goals, but this critical work remains severely underfunded.

Our Goal

We work with partners to halt and reverse tropical deforestation by 2030, to help end the climate crisis and support the people who rely on tropical forests for their lives and livelihoods.

Our Strategy

A key part of our Global Climate work is our support for Forests, People, Climate (FPC). In 2022, we joined other funders in creating FPC to spark more global action to protect tropical forests while supporting the well-being, livelihoods, and rights of the people who depend on and protect them. FPC unites donors, organizations, and regional leaders to stop deforestation and drive lasting change in the three largest tropical forest areas: the Brazilian Amazon, the Congo Basin, and Indonesia.

The Packard Foundation's Global Climate initiative (GCI) focuses on three key priorities, carried out primarily by organizations based in Indonesia and the Congo Basin. These priorities are designed to support the goals of Forests, People, Climate (FPC): to safeguard tropical forests and support those who have long cared for them, especially Indigenous Peoples and local communities.

The Packard Foundation's Global Climate initiative has three focus areas, which aim to enable FPC goals:

1

Mobilizing Resources

Local organizations in tropical forest countries need more direct access to financial and technical support. One way we're responding is by supporting Indigenous Peoples and forest community-led groups that are creating their own funding programs to get resources directly to the people and places that need them most.

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Strengthening Collaboration

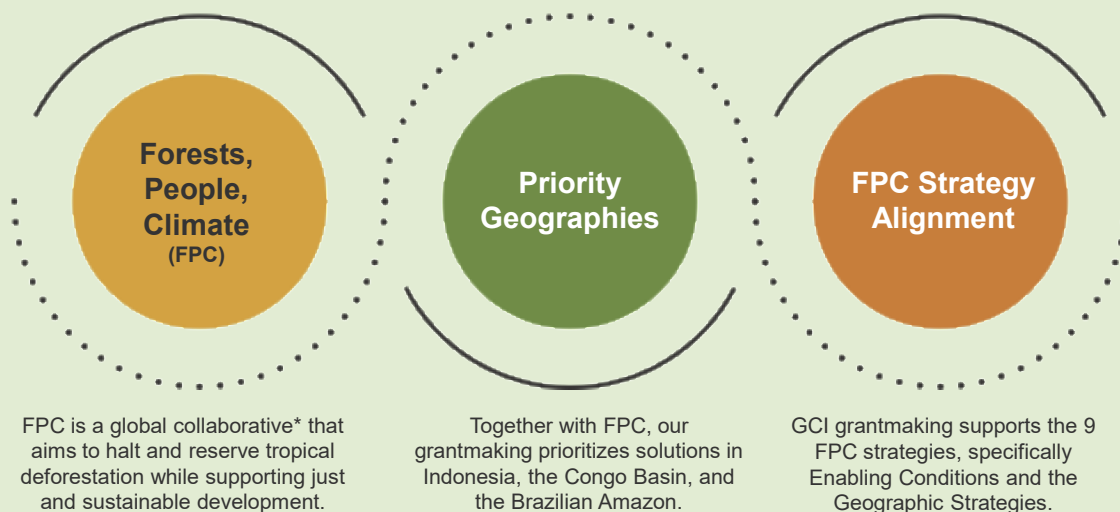
As tropical forest organizations and networks receive more funding, they may need support to maximize their impact. We help them build skills, expand networks and coalitions, and strengthen collaboration, ensuring they have the tools and connections for lasting success.

3

Safeguarding Civic Space

For local actors to be effective, they need the freedom to organize, speak out, and take action. We support civil society organizations and coalitions working to protect these rights in tropical forest regions, including efforts to safeguard land and forest defenders.

How Our Global Climate Initiative Supports Forests, People, Climate



* The Packard Foundation, through GCI, is one of the many donors, civil society, and community-based organizations that contribute to FPC.

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