our strength is in our NETWORK

NORTH SUMATERRA
WOMEN AGAINST
DEFORESTATION
MISSION

Rainforest Action Network preserves forests, protects the climate and upholds human rights by challenging corporate power and systemic injustice through frontline partnerships and strategic campaigns.

VISION

Rainforest Action Network works toward a world where the rights and dignity of all communities are respected and where healthy forests, a stable climate and wild biodiversity are protected and celebrated.
Dear Friends,

The clock is ticking.

We stand at a critical juncture for life on planet Earth. At stake is our climate, the rich biodiversity of flora and fauna that sustains us, and the future that our children, and their children, will inherit. And I know that you hear the clock ticking as we do.

It is easy to feel defeated as we have faced another year of one climate disaster after the other — record breaking heat waves, floods, hurricanes, and fires — and a global political landscape that is at best uncertain, and at worst actively stripping away rights and threatening the livelihoods of people around the world.

At RAN, we hear that ticking clock as a rallying cry. We know that Indigenous communities have always been the best protectors of rainforests and the best defenders against climate chaos, and they are rising up. And so are we. And so are you.

Just a couple of months ago we witnessed an unprecedented election season spanning the Americas — two Indigenous women were elected into congress in Brazil, and here in the United States the first ever Alaska Native woman was elected into the House of Representatives. The momentum of women, particularly Indigenous women and women of color, securing crucial decision-making positions in government is essential to realizing the systemic change we so deeply need.
For over 35 years, RAN has been connecting the dots between human rights, forests, and climate change. Because frontline communities’ fight for their land rights is our collective fight for a sustainable future. In the following report, I am thrilled to share with you the many ways that RAN has continued to support and leverage the enormous power of our staff, our partners, and you, our supporters, to challenge corporate power, and win.

I hope you’ll enjoy the deep dive into our campaign updates from the past year. And as we begin to look toward 2023, I’d like to share a few key areas we are prioritizing in the coming year with your support:

- Collaborate with our frontline partners in Indonesia to hold major brands accountable for deforestation and human rights abuses rampant in their supply chain.
- Keep the pressure on the biggest banks complicit in expanding disastrous fossil fuel projects and bankrolling forest destruction.
- Shine a brighter light on the insurance industry, a key player driving climate chaos.
- Increase our support of frontline communities and grassroots organization through our Community Action Grants program.
- Contribute our voice and our organizing muscle to critical issues and movement moments across the globe.

At this moment I am reminded of our timeless vision statement: RAN works toward a world where the rights and dignity of all communities are respected and where healthy forests, a stable climate, and wild biodiversity are protected and celebrated.

How do we make lasting positive change? By coming together, bringing the noise, the pressure, and the message directly to decision-makers, with one strong voice: People and Planet over Profit.

We couldn’t do it without you. Thank you for being on this journey with us.

In Solidarity,

Ginger Cassady
Executive Director
“For People and Planet” — that’s why we do this work.

At Rainforest Action Network, we know we are facing an unprecedented climate crisis. And we know that any solution to our climate crisis must prioritize keeping forests standing.

Partnering with and directly supporting frontline and Indigenous communities who have lived in harmony with forests for generations is the most effective way to keep forests standing — and RAN has been doing that for decades.

Over the years, RAN has worked with and supported hundreds of frontline groups — following Indigenous and local leadership from Orellana, Ecuador, to the Rio Grande Valley; from Alberta, Canada to North Sumatra, Indonesia. We remain in solidarity with activists who are fighting for their rights and their future — and, in the process, protecting the planet for all of us.

This past year, we have worked especially closely with two communities in Indonesia — the Indigenous communities of Pargamanan-Bintang Maria in North Sumatra and Bunin in the Leuser Ecosystem in Aceh.

These communities are on the frontlines of deforestation in the name of fast, short-sighted profit. The Pargamanan-Bintang Maria community are currently resisting development on their lands by pulp and paper company PT. Toba Pulp Lestari (TPL). TPL is part of one of Indonesia’s most notorious pulp and paper and palm oil conglomerates, Royal Golden Eagle (RGE) — a company which is a supplier to major US companies, like consumer goods giant Procter & Gamble, and a client of major banks like ABN Amro and MUFG.
RAN took the PBM community’s fight to the global marketplace through corporate engagement and public campaigning. In fact, the PBM community’s struggle is now a focal point for RAN’s campaign against Procter & Gamble.

In an open letter that RAN helped promote and deliver to P&G executives, Pargamanan-Bintang Maria community leaders directly ask Procter & Gamble’s CEO Jon Moeller to stop sourcing from Royal Golden Eagle.

The letter outlines:

» the contamination of rivers with chemical pesticides used by TPL;
» the threat to their primary source of livelihood from the benzoin tree due to forest destruction;
» the risk of criminalization and intimidation from the company; and
» the destruction of cultural and social relations in their village through corporate formed and funded farmer groups and sowing divisions among Indigenous communities.

As the community leaders state clearly in their letter, these demands are crucial “because land is identity for Indigenous Batak Toba people. When we lose our land, we lose our identity.”

The Pargamanan-Bintang Maria Community

The Pargamanan-Bintang Maria (PBM) community in the province of North Sumatra, Indonesia, can trace their roots back to more than 125 years ago. Three Indigenous Batak clans — Sitanggang, Simbolon, and Lumban Gaol — migrated to the Lake Toba region and were given land by the local ruler. Since that time, this land has been continuously owned by Indigenous communities and administered in accordance with their customs.

The land covers 4,356 acres of mostly forest, including rivers such as the Aek Sihulihap and Aek Simonggo. The forest plays a critical role in the health of the river that flows past it, ensuring clean and abundant water sources for families and communities downstream.

Community members have acted as stewards of the land for generations, sustainably harvesting fruits and vegetables, hunting for food, and tapping resin from kemenyan (benzoin) trees which are unique to the region and sources for incense as well as antimicrobial, antiseptic, and anti-inflammatory treatments.

However, pulp and paper company TPL has been granted a concession that includes over 40% of the community’s land. Almost a third of the Pargamanan-Bintang Maria Community land has already been developed into pulp plantations. The remaining land is subject to development at the whims of the company.

“When We Lose Our Land, We Lose Our Identity”
The Indigenous community of Bunin

Bunin Village is located upstream of the Tamiang River in East Aceh, Sumatra, Indonesia. For millennia the Gayo people have fought to preserve their customary land. Recently, after years of effort, they secured legal recognition of their lands and village forests by the government of Indonesia.

Unfortunately, even with this official recognition, the community still faces threats and uncertainty from the endless demand for cheaply produced palm oil. The company PT. Tegas Nusantara had previously been given a permit by the government to use part of the Bunin lands to establish a palm oil plantation. The community continues to oppose the development of palm oil plantations on their lands. To this day, they have refused to give their consent to the company that intends to clear the forests on their community territory to make way for a palm oil plantation.

For too long the profits of palm oil companies and land speculators have been prioritized ahead of the rights and wellbeing of the people of Aceh. If PT. Tegas Nusantara, or other palm oil companies, convert these lands for palm oil profit there will not only be massive environmental damage, but the very future of Bunin Village will be in doubt. The community’s history and continued practice of traditions and cultural values could be lost forever. RAN has taken up this fight and we will do all we can to prevent this company that has violated the rights of Bunin Village to operate in their district.

We continue to be in solidarity with the Bunin Village and East Aceh government by supporting their call to review these potentially catastrophic palm oil permits for PT. Tegas Nusantara. This is necessary not only for Bunin people but also to secure a stable climate, protect the world’s remaining biodiversity, and support the thriving communities of millions of Indigenous Peoples.
Increasing the Pressure on Procter & Gamble

Rainforest Action Network continues to escalate pressure on key market players who are driving the destruction of forests, including consumer giant Procter & Gamble.

The American company, the maker of popular brands of toilet paper, household cleaning supplies, and personal care items, has been linked to deforestation in the Boreal forest of Canada as well as tropical rainforests in Indonesia, both of which are critical to lessen the global impacts of climate change. The company is linked to suppliers that are charged with ongoing human rights violations in Canada and Indonesia as well.

We have demanded that P&G cut ties with its suppliers who are cutting down the Boreal and Indonesia’s rainforests. Procter & Gamble must ensure that no part of its business violates Indigenous land rights or harms human rights defenders who are fighting for their communities in places like the Leuser Ecosystem and North Sumatra.
Specifically, we are demanding that P&G cut ties with the Royal Golden Eagle Group of Indonesia, the notoriously bad company with a history of clearing native rainforest in the Leuser Ecosystem and which remains in a long-standing conflict with local communities over the theft of their land for its operations.

To bring this message home to the executives of P&G, RAN collaborated with the Greater Cincinnati Native American Coalition, the Youth Activist Coalition, and an incredible group of activists from all over Cincinnati in June. RAN deployed two 21-foot tripods in the middle of an intersection at P&G’s headquarters with imagery of the Indonesian and Boreal forests that are under threat from the company. Activists also displayed a 70 foot CODE RED banner, signaling the urgency of our climate crisis hastened by forest destruction.

Building on that pressure, we revisited Cincinnati during P&G’s Annual General Meeting in October. The action was multi-faceted and global in nature: it started in Sumatra where over 70 Indigenous Batak people from nine different communities held a demonstration against P&G, gathering on their contested customary land to deploy a massive banner that said “Indigenous Women Against Deforestation.”

Following this powerful statement in Indonesia, our team scaled two of the massive flagpoles in front of P&G’s headquarters and unfurled a banner that could be seen across the sprawling corporate campus, demanding an end to human rights abuses.

Additionally, ten family descendants of the P&G company founders traveled from around the country to join our action and spoke passionately about the need for P&G to respect Indigenous rights and stop driving the climate crisis. The family members were granted a private meeting with the CEO where they delivered hard copies of both the PBM community letter and RAN’s recent Carbon Bomb Scandals report. The report uses evidence obtained through field investigations, satellite imagery analysis, and supply chain research to prove that palm oil produced in the Rawa Singkil Wildlife Reserve is in violation of corporate commitments to stop deforestation. Yet this conflict palm oil continues to make its way into the products sold by corporate giants Mondeléz, Nestlé, Unilever, PepsiCo, Colgate-Palmolive, Ferrero, Nissin Foods and Procter & Gamble.

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Keep Forests Standing Report Card

In June of 2022, RAN’s Keep Forests Standing Scorecard also increased the pressure on banks and brands.

The report details how major multinational brands and banks are failing to stop deforestation and human rights abuses in their business practices — despite public commitments to the contrary. None of the 17 brands and banks evaluated in the report have taken adequate action to address their contribution to the destruction of forests, ongoing land grabs, and violence against local and Indigenous communities, the report finds.

A number of banks and brands performed worse than their peers, receiving ‘F’ grades in the evaluation. Indonesian state-owned bank BNI, Malaysian bank CIMB, and the Chinese state-owned multinational bank ICBC, all performed worst among the banks evaluated. Procter & Gamble, confectioner Mondeléz, and Japanese food maker Nissin Foods similarly lagged behind their peers in acting to end deforestation and human rights violations in forest-risk commodity supply chains.

Many of these brands and banks have adopted various commitments and policies to achieve “No Deforestation” and uphold Indigenous and human rights in their business practices, especially in the wake of the UN Climate Conference held in Scotland in 2021 (COP 26). However, since the adoption of the Paris Agreement, influential banks have provided at least $22.5 billion to forest-risk commodity companies operating across the three largest tropical forest regions of Indonesia, the Congo Basin, and the Amazon. Out of our target banks, JPMorgan Chase was the largest, providing $6.9 billion, while MUFG followed with $4 billion. Similarly, the brands have failed to suspend business with suppliers that persist in violating the customary rights of communities and sourcing from producers that are causing deforestation.
Accountability in the FSC

RAN is a founding member of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) — an organization that has grown since 1993 to be one of the world’s largest forestry certification systems. RAN has maintained its membership for nearly 30 years, as it has been important to ensure there was a global voluntary certification system that prohibited the conversion of rainforests and violation of the rights of Indigenous peoples and traditional communities. Global voluntary certification systems have played an important role in setting the standard for responsible management of forests over the past few decades, especially in tropical rainforest regions.

In the past few years, however, RAN and other civil society organizations have raised serious concerns about the credibility and effectiveness of the FSC, especially how their standards and systems are being implemented in Indonesia. In October, the FSC weakened its standard in a way that severely undermines the credibility of the FSC certification system going forward.

The most significant change allows notorious forestry companies — like Sinar Mas Group and Royal Golden Eagle Group that have converted vast areas of tropical rainforests over the past 30 years — to obtain the most stringent and coveted certification status on offer. These companies can now be rewarded with the highest certification status on the promise that they will remedy the social and environmental harm caused by decades of destruction. Essentially, this change allows access to markets that have been held exclusively for companies that ended deforestation and conversion decades ago. In 2022, RAN worked to close major loopholes in the FSC’s new Policy to Address Conversion and alongside our partners worked to strengthen the new Remedy Framework, which will determine remedy for harms caused to forests and communities.
One of the best ways to preserve our forests and protect our climate is to cut off the money to disastrous, short-sighted and profit-driven fossil fuel projects. For more than two decades, RAN has been leading the way in this highly effective campaign strategy — a strategy that has grown into a global movement.

Initiatives such as our annual Banking on Climate Chaos report, the Forests & Finance online database, Keep Forests Standing Scorecard on banks and brands along with our key role in the campaign to Insure Our Future and hold insurance companies accountable for propping up the fossil fuel industry have all defined our unified financial strategy to fight for our future.
To align their policies and practices with a world that limits global warming to 1.5°C and fully respects human rights, and Indigenous rights in particular, banks must:

» Prohibit all financing for all fossil fuel expansion projects and for all companies expanding fossil fuel extraction and infrastructure.

» Immediately begin zeroing out all financing for fossil fuel extraction, combustion, and infrastructure, on an explicit timeline.

» Measure, disclose, and set targets to zero out the absolute climate impact of overall financing activities on an aggressive timeline.

» Fully respect all human rights, particularly the rights of Indigenous Peoples, including their rights to their water and lands and the right to Free, Prior, and Informed Consent. Prohibit all financing for projects and companies that abuse human rights.

It is in the best interest of all business and the global economy to stop fossil expansion and curb runaway climate change. Reckless business-as-usual fossil fuel development needs to stop and an urgent, practical and just transition to a clean energy economy needs to begin in earnest.
Forests & Finance

RAN is a founding and leading member of the Forests & Finance coalition. The goal is to prevent financial institutions from facilitating environmental and social abuses common in forest risk commodities.

The coalition members include TuK Indonesia, Profundo, Amazon Watch, Repórter Brasil, BankTrack, Sahabat Alam Malaysia and Friends of the Earth US. Together, they assesses the finance received by over 300 companies directly involved in the beef, soy, palm oil, pulp and paper, rubber and timber supply chains, whose operations may impact natural tropical forests and the communities that rely on them in Southeast Asia, Central and West Africa, and parts of South America. The coalition launched a first-of-its-kind, open source database of global banks and corporations linked to forest destruction in 2020. And the extensive, searchable dataset has just been updated to include credit, bond holdings and shareholdings as of September 2022.

And just this past October, Forests & Finance released a report revealing that the world’s largest financial institutions increased their backing of companies in the agriculture, forestry and land use sectors most responsible for deforestation in 2021. The report found that finance to those companies rose over 60% to $47 billion between 2020 and 2021.

According to the research, banks have pumped $267 billion into forest-risk commodity firms since the signing of the Paris Agreement on climate in 2016. This latest assessment shows how big banks and institutional investors are blind to the urgency of the moment. With the agriculture, forestry and land-use sector contributing 23% of global carbon emissions, we must overhaul the rules governing bank and investor decision-making if we are to meet the global climate, biodiversity and rights emergencies we face.
Banks and Brands Driving Deforestation

Preserving the world’s largest remaining rainforests — in Indonesia, the Congo Basin, and the Amazon — is critical if we are to avoid the worst impacts of our climate crisis. Indigenous Peoples and local communities have been successfully managing these rainforests for generations. However, forests and communities face constant threats from the reckless practices of major banks and corporations.

More and more, banks and companies are recognizing their culpability. In response, many are adopting “No Deforestation, No Peatland and No Exploitation” (NDPE) policies. While that may sound good in theory, RAN’s research has found a very different reality.

This year, RAN researched a cross section of brands and banks that are connected to forest risk commodities being produced in the world’s last tropical rainforests. We found that none of the 17 brands and banks evaluated have taken adequate action to address their contribution to the destruction of forests, ongoing land grabs, and rights violations against local and Indigenous communities. Here is how some of these corporate giants were graded:

**Procter & Gamble: F**
P&G has ties to Indigenous land theft in Indonesia via its supplier the Royal Golden Eagle Group. Other P&G suppliers have used forced labor. Some have destroyed parts of the Leuser Ecosystem in Sumatra, one of the last places where orangutans, tigers, elephants and rhinos coexist in the wild. P&G refuses to adopt strong policies and systems to resolve these problems, or to suspend business with Royal Golden Eagle.

**Mondeléz: F**
We have repeatedly exposed Mondeléz for sourcing illegal palm oil connected to deforestation and destruction of peatlands in Indonesia’s Leuser Ecosystem. Other investigations tie Mondeléz to human-created fires in Indonesia to clear forests for oil palm. These fires produced a thick smog that put 10 million children at risk.

**Nissin Foods: F**
This major instant noodle producer from Japan claims to have adopted NDPE policies, but serious loopholes in those policies allow problems to persist in its supply chains. Nissin Foods still does business with suppliers that are responsible for deforestation in the fragile Leuser Ecosystem, home to the very last Sumatran orangutans in the wild.

**J.P. Morgan Chase: F**
Not only are they the worst fossil fuel funder, JPMC has also invested billions in paper, palm oil and other commodities linked to deforestation and rights abuses. Recently, Chase adopted an NDPE policy for palm oil in 2021, but ignored their lending in other forest-risk commodity sectors, providing $6.9 billion in financing to companies driving deforestation across the tropics.

**MUFG Bank: F**
Despite adopting an NDPE policy in 2021, this Japanese bank with a global reach excluded palm oil traders from having to comply with that policy. And they failed to address their lending to other forest-risk sectors that should be subject to NDPE standards — such as the pulp & paper and beef sectors.
The hypocrisy of the insurance industry is staggering.

The industry continues to prop up the fossil fuel sector while simultaneously dropping homeowners due to risk of climate change driven wildfires — climate change caused largely by those very same fossil fuel projects. The expansion of the fossil fuel industry at a time when we need to drastically shift our energy economy flies in the face of logic and moral principles. But every fossil fuel project needs three things to go forward: permits, capital, and insurance.

For years, the insurance industry has quietly raked in billions in profits while playing a key role in our climate crisis. Rainforest Action Network is a proud leader in the movement to shine a light on these irresponsible practices and hold the insurance industry accountable.

Pressure from Shareholders

Thanks to these efforts, major US insurers are facing new pressure from shareholders. In December 2021, investors filed shareholder resolutions with AIG, Chubb, The Hartford, and Travelers, calling on the insurers to stop underwriting new fossil fuel supply projects. As a result, Travelers Insurance adopted a policy stating they will not underwrite new coal-fired power plants and phase out insurance for many coal and tar sands companies in February of 2022. In March, AIG announced major new company-wide climate commitments, including a net-zero goal and more immediate restrictions on insuring many coal and tar sands projects. Further, the company will stop providing insurance coverage for any new Arctic energy exploration. The commitments, which come after years of pressure from Public
Citizen, RAN, and other members of the Insure Our Future coalition, also include plans to phase out support for coal and tar sands companies by 2030.

**Scorecard on Insurance**

Insure Our Future is an international campaign calling on insurance companies to exit coal, oil, and gas in line with a pathway to avoiding climate disaster. This year, the coalition released the sixth annual Scorecard on Insurance, Fossil Fuels and the Climate Emergency. The Scorecard analyzes 30 leading primary insurers and reinsurers, assessing their policies on insuring and investing in coal, oil and gas. The report highlights positive progress as well as dangerous loopholes, calls out leaders and laggards, and identifies challenges and opportunities for the year ahead.

**Increasing the Pressure through ACTION**

In true RAN fashion, we are bringing the pressure directly to top decision makers at our insurance targets. In October 2022, RAN and allies built a two-story mock oil derrick outside the NYC home of Chubb Insurance CEO Evan Greenberg to spotlight the insurance giant’s destructive climate and human rights record. Chubb remains one of the world’s largest oil and gas insurers and is connected to destructive oil and gas projects from the Arctic to Brazil.

This action was only the latest effort in our campaign. In March 2022, RAN’s distributed network sent nearly 1,000 postcards to Greenberg’s apartment. In April, we organized a street mural outside the Risk and Insurance Management Society (RIMS) insurance conference opening ceremony and dropped a huge banner calling for climate action on a building facing the conference.

**A Signal to the Industry: AXIS Policy**

As this pressure continues to mount, AXIS Capital insurance responded with a groundbreaking new policy. In the summer of 2022, following years of pressure from Tribal communities, First Nations, and Indigenous rights organizations, AXIS became the first company in North America to adopt a policy stipulating that it will not underwrite projects without ensuring clients have obtained the right to Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) of impacted Indigenous communities. The policy sets a best practice globally and garnered high-profile media attention in Reuters.
COMMUNITY ACTION GRANTS
Since 1993, RAN’s Community Action Grants program has distributed more than 6 million dollars through over 1,000 grants* to frontline communities, Indigenous-led organizations, and allies, helping their efforts to secure protection for millions of acres of traditional territory in forests around the world and helping to keep millions of tons of carbon in the ground.

* including grants made through RAN’s partnership with Global Greengrants Fund
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To learn more about Community Action Grants, visit: » grants.RAN.org

Protect-an-Acre (PAA)

Perkumpulan Nurani Perempuan
$10,000 to support building capacity towards implementing and securing land rights recognition for the Indigenous Long Isun community in East Kalimantan, Indonesia, as part of a multi-year effort to remove a logging concession granted on ancestral lands without consent that has impacted thousands of acres of rainforest, ancient burial sites, hunting grounds, and critical water sources.

Pueblo Originario Kichwa de Sarayaku
$10,000 to support the First Meeting of the People of the Living Forest (dubbed Kawsari, which roughly translates to “awakening”) held on Sarayaku territory in the Ecuadorian Amazon as a space for Indigenous peoples from the Amazon regions of Ecuador, Peru, and Colombia to discuss and highlight their proposed solutions addressing the deforestation and climate emergencies through rights-based approaches (funds also supported Sarayaku’s overall monitoring and defense of its traditional territory).

Comunidad Kofán de Sinangoe
$5,000 to support an assembly held by the Kofán community of Sinangoe in the Ecuadorian Amazon to plan community priorities and strategies, including their Indigenous Guard territorial monitoring program. The community had a recent landmark legal victory recognizing, for the first time, the right of Indigenous communities in Ecuador to have the final decision over oil, mining and other extractive projects that affect their lands.

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Articulação dos Povos Indígenas do Brasil (APIB)
$10,000 to support two major Indigenous mobilizations to the Brazilian capital with several thousand participants coming from the Amazon and all parts of Brazil to counter efforts by the Bolsonaro government to legalize mining and other industrial activities on Indigenous lands, as well as spotlighting a Supreme Court case that could also undermine Indigenous land rights.

Climate Action Fund (CAF)

Federación de la Nacionalidad Achuar del Perú (FENAP)
$5,000 to support the Achuar Indigenous community’s efforts to clear and expand a network of strategic footpaths used to patrol and monitor critical areas of their two million acres of roadless territory in the Peruvian Amazon in and around the Block 64 area where oil drilling that they are opposed to is proposed, as well as working in coordination with the neighboring Wampis Indigenous Guard for joint control of the borders of their territories.

Fossil Free Media
$7,500 to support a frontline delegation from the Appalachian region to Washington, D.C. to oppose an infrastructure bill that would fast-track fossil fuel projects, including the fracked gas Mountain Valley Pipeline, and undercut basic environmental protections. The Mountain Valley Pipeline alone would lead to annual emissions equivalent to 26 coal plants and threaten the land, air, and water of communities along a 300-mile route, impacting nearly 1,000 streams and wetlands.
Your voice — it’s one of your most fundamental and powerful attributes. You can use your voice when you vote, when you shop, and when you say ‘Enough is Enough.’

At RAN, using our collective voice to challenge corporate power is one of our core strategies. That means working with partners across the globe to coordinate messages and connect with major media outlets. It means amplifying the voices of grassroots and Indigenous leaders who don’t have a public relations infrastructure. It means using our social media channels to share our vision for a just and sustainable future with as wide of an audience as possible.

This past year, RAN’s social media efforts reached hundreds of thousands of potential supporters as we elevated critical efforts to stop deforestation and climate chaos. In 2022, our team burst onto the TikTok-osphere with clips sharing opportunities for our supporters to get involved and increase the pressure on those banks and corporations doing the most harm to communities and our climate.

Our digital outreach is a key component to our strategy. Between December 2021 and this publication, RAN supporters have taken more than 560,000 online actions against our targets. We saw 42,639 people sign a petition to JPMorgan Chase leaders demanding that they reform their reckless financial practices in the fossil fuel sector. Our Digital team created campaigns that saw 41,917,641 emails delivered to decision makers who are complicit in our climate crisis and in human rights abuses.

And RAN’s track record of impeccable research also allows our staff to speak with authority to the leading international news outlets across the globe. Our publications and spokespersons can name our targets and expose their reputational risk because we have the documentation to back up our demands. Our science and fact based campaigns create a foundation for hard hitting Op-Eds and deeply researched news articles in Reuters, Bloomberg, Financial Times and more. This earned media raises awareness of critical issues and increases pressure on those who place profits over people and planet.
**SUPPORTERS 2021-2022**

**THE Panther CIRCLE - ($25,000 AND UP)**

($100,000 AND UP)
- Alice and Fred Stanback
- Anonymous (3)
- Arcus Foundation
- Bernard F. and Alva B. Gimbel Foundation
- Climate and Land Use Alliance
- David & Lucile Packard Foundation
- Ford Foundation
- Foundation For The Carolinas
- Iara Lee and George Gund III Foundation
- Jeffery & Heidi Dean
- KR Foundation
- Shri Raman Tellander and Son Douglas
  - Charity Foundation
- The Sunrise Project
- The Tilia Fund
- Woka Foundation

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($50,000 - $99,999)
- Anonymous
- Boston Foundation
- Cornell Douglas Foundation
- Dan Scales
- Grantham Foundation for the Protection of the Environment
- Inmaculada Z. Ortoll
- Overbrook Foundation
- Silicon Valley Community Foundation
- Tamar Glezerman
- The Ecology Trust
- The Scherman Foundation
- The Waterloo Foundation
- Wallace Global Fund

($25,000 - $49,999)
- Andre Carothers
- Ann and Gordon Getty Foundation
- Anonymous (2)
- Arntz Family Foundation
- Aseem Das
- Hidden Leaf Foundation
- Jonathan Altman & Colleen Kelly
- March Conservation Fund
- Rick Steves’ Europe Fund held at the Community Foundation of Snohomish County
- Roger & Dawn Kafker
- Roger & Margot Milliken
- Ronald W. Naito MD Foundation
- Roy Young & Rosa Venezia
- Sandy Spring Trust
- The Jonathan & Kathleen Altman Foundation
- The Serena Foundation
- Urgewald
- Urs Hoelzle
- William C. Bannerman Foundation
- World Centric
($1,000 - $2,499)

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Adriana Boulanger
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Amy Thornton
Andrea Asaro
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Ann Grow
Anne & Ben Young
Anne & Brian Mazar
Anne Martin
Anne-Christine Strugnell & Dana Aftab
Anonymous (9)
Arthur Otte
Astrid Freitag
Austin Community Foundation
Barbara Hamkalo
Barbara Magin
Barbara Thomborson
Benjamin Litoff
Bernard Allen
Bessemer Giving Fund
Bonnie Raitt
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Clement & Molly Quoyeser
Community Foundation of New Jersey
Craig Stout
Curtis Haikinen
Cynthia Linton Charitable Fund
The Chicago Community Foundation
Daisy Bodman
Dan Klassen
Dana Aftab
Dana J. Schneider and Kathleen Pequeño
Daniel & Gunilla Kester
Daniel McCarty Thornton
Daniel T. Adams
Daniel Wolk & Cathi Tillman
Daryl Wong
Dave & Inge Damm-Luhr
David & Malia Litman
David Haskell

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Jennifer Sullivan & Nicholas Flores
Jenny Wilson
Jeremy Apthorp
Jewish Communal Fund
Jill Nelson
Jodi Aman
Joel Eckhaus & Donna Doughten
Joel Glenn
John & Molly Hooper
John Gwynne
John Kay & Jutta Maue-Kay
John Rodgers
John Swanner
Jon & Nicole Ungar
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Karen Skinner
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Mark Schoonmaker
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Matt Sugihara
Meagan Rafferty
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Mevers Foundation
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RAN’s Lasting Impact Circle recognizes those individuals who have included Rainforest Action Network in their long term charitable plans, contributing to a legacy that will protect our climate, keep forests standing, and uphold human rights.

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**Lasting Impact Circle**

By joining the Lasting Impact Circle, you join a community bound in a vision of a just, renewable future. And your vision for a better tomorrow will be honored through our continued work for people and planet. To learn more, contact Emily Selzer at emily@ran.org.

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RAN THANKS
JIM GOLLIN
A Visionary Leader and Supporter

Thank you James Gollin for 26 years of service!

Jim joined the RAN board in 1996 and over his tenure held several roles including as a member of the Program Committee, Development Committee, and Community Action Grants Committee, Board President and our longest serving Board Chair.

As a director of the Angelica Foundation, Jim Gollin has funded environmental, pro-democracy, and human rights groups in the U.S. and Mexico. Jim chairs New Mexico’s progressive donor collaborative, serves on the board of the Center for Community Change Action, Richardson Center for Global Engagement, and is a former Director of Democracy Alliance.

Jim is a founding member of the Social Venture Network and is an active socially responsible real estate investor and broker.

We are forever grateful for Jim’s commitment to Rainforest Action Network, and will miss his leadership, insight, and his deep knowledge of the progressive movement on our Board.

From all of us at RAN, thank you Jim for twenty-six years of dedicated service to people and planet.

PHOTOS: David Fine / RAN; Reny Preussker
SUPPORT AND REVENUE

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**TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE** $11,342,998

EXPENSES

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**TOTAL EXPENSES** $9,274,214

Gain of Extinguishment of Debt* $778,750
Change in Net Assets $2,847,534
Beginning $9,233,284
End $12,080,818

* PPP2 loan received and forgiven

RAN’s complete independent financial audit is available at RAN.org. If you have further questions, you may contact Emily Selzer at emily@ran.org.
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Rainforest Action Network and the global forest protection movement lost one of our most impactful and admired champions this past year. Lafcadio Cortesi was a brilliant and effective campaigner, cut from an old school cloth where disarming earnestness and face to face relationships built the trust that was the pathway to changing hearts and minds. His power, which was considerable, was drawn directly from his personal passion for the work. He always saw the best in people and seemed to see our adversaries not as enemies but as misguided actors who just needed to be brought around to see the light. In Lafcadio’s eyes, everyone was always just just one compelling, heartfelt argument away from doing the right thing.

Lafcadio played a major role in bringing RAN’s focus to Indonesia. His many years spent on RAN’s forest team left an outsized legacy that continues to fundamentally influence the work we do together today. In addition to being a colleague and mentor for many of us, Laf remained a dear personal friend to many who are still at RAN.

Lafcadio was irrepresibly gregarious and professionally prolific and he leaves behind a vast international network of allies and collaborators who were touched by his contagious enthusiasm for life and his bone-deep commitment to healthy forests and the communities whose lives and livelihoods were tied to them. Laf was equally at home on the floor of a hut in a remote Sumatran village as he was across the table from decision makers in a corporate boardroom — but never so much as on a dancefloor, wherever one could be found.

Laf was just an electric bolt of a human being. His bellowing laugh was a signature trait and he radiated pure ‘joie de vivre’ — adventurous, charismatic, playful and cheerful in even the most unlikely circumstances.

Lafcadio was an invaluable defender of forests and an irreplaceable advocate for the people who depend on them. He was also just about the most fun person ever to be around. From all of us who had the pleasure: Terima kasih pak Laf. You are legend.
I have been on the RAN Board for twenty years, but I’ve been a part of this community for thirty-five. The RAN team is **stellar, strategic** and **fearless**. They get more done on a dime than any other organization I have seen. Over their thirty-five year history RAN has stayed **nimble, fierce, and effective**.

*Jodie Evans*

RAN Board Chair