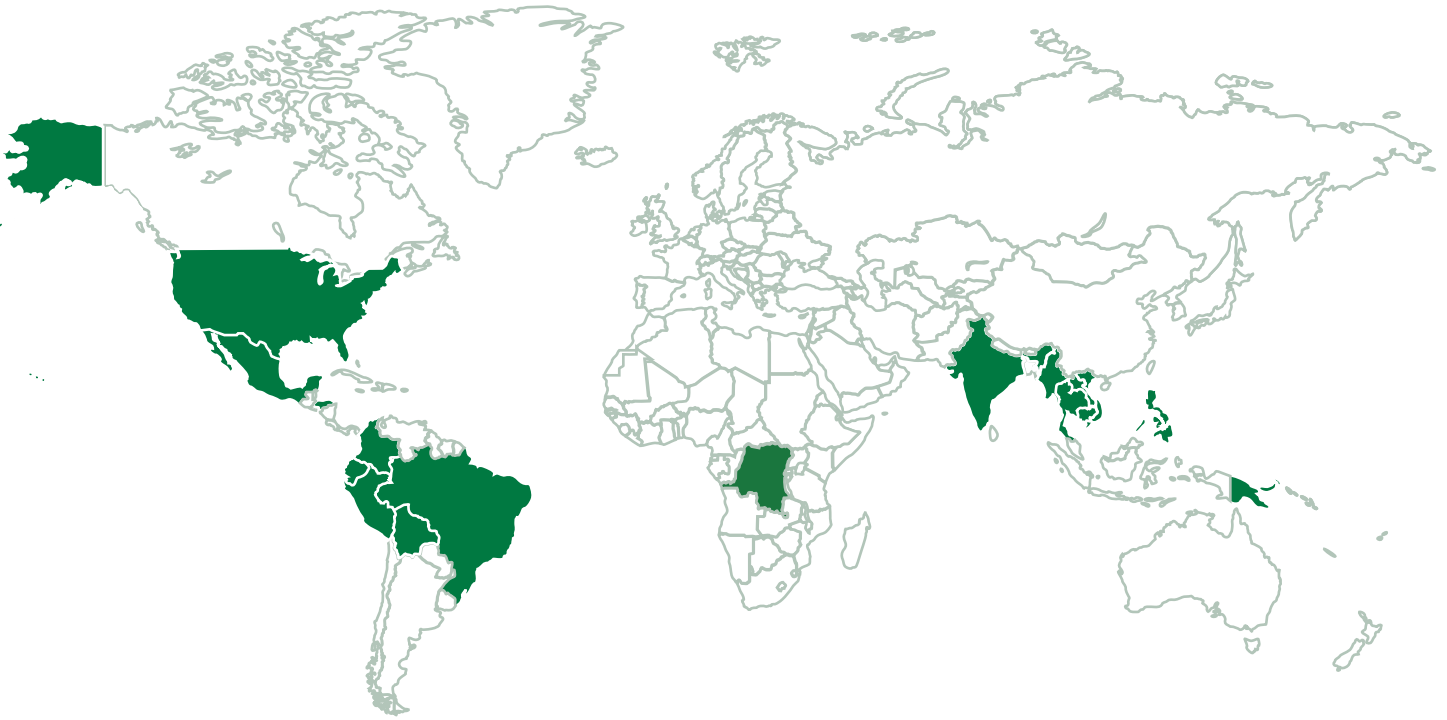




2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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EarthRights International is a non-governmental, non-profit organization that combines the power of law and the power of people in defense of human rights and the environment, which we define as “earth rights.” We specialize in fact-finding, legal actions against perpetrators of earth rights abuses, training grassroots and community leaders, and advocacy campaigns. Through these strategies, EarthRights seeks to end earth rights abuses, to provide real solutions for real people, and to promote and protect human rights and the environment in the communities where we work.

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Cover Photo: Global School participants are paired off for an introductory activity, December 2022. The Global School brought together community leaders from Africa, Latin America, and Southeast Asia for a two-week immersive learning experience in Thailand focused on the effects of international Chinese investment. EarthRights International hosted the school in partnership with Center for Transnational Environmental Accountability and Advocates for Community Alternatives. Photo by: Cayla Nimmo/EarthRights International.

A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

2022 was another whirlwind year for EarthRights, our partners, students, and earth rights defenders around the globe. The world continued to reopen in 2022 as vaccines to combat the COVID-19 pandemic became more widely available, creating more opportunities for EarthRights to engage with partner communities and allies worldwide.

Many of our focus countries experienced improved political contexts in 2022. Gustavo Petro was elected President of Colombia, and Brazilians chose Luiz Ignocia Lulu da Silva as their new leader. Meanwhile, communities in Honduras reported improved conditions for defenders as Xiomara Castro, who ran in opposition to Juan Orlando Hernandez's illegitimate

regime, celebrated her one-year anniversary as the country's first woman president.

EarthRights is optimistic that these new governments will provide a more favorable context for our work in the Amazon region.

The reopening of travel between our three offices allowed EarthRights to host our first-ever Global School. In December, 22 activists from the Mekong, Amazon, and Sub-Saharan Africa regions convened in Chiang Mai, Thailand, to help defenders learn, share knowledge, and build community. The school successfully brought together like-minded defenders from areas of the world facing challenges created by dangerous development and ignited

demand for additional training opportunities. The success of our first Global School and the interest in future global educational convenings showed us that EarthRights is uniquely positioned to deliver training programs to new communities and create a global network of environmental and human rights defenders to take on some of our planet's toughest challenges and most corrupt actors.

We also saw global awareness of and solidarity with earth rights defenders grow in 2022 as civil society organizations further strengthened their ability to work together to protect them. Through our leadership role in the Alliance for Land, Indigenous, and Environmental Defenders, we supported frontline defenders faced with attacks,

facilitated learning sessions with civil society organizations, and led international policy reform campaign efforts to protect them. As a result, governments, international institutions, and the private sector are recognizing that attacks against defenders can include criminalization, illegal surveillance, and smear campaigns are beginning to scale up efforts to protect them.

Despite this progress, EarthRights and our partners encountered challenges stemming from closed civic space, particularly in Latin America. In December, Peruvians took to the streets to protest after President Pedro Castillo illegally attempted to shutter the Congress of the Republic. Incoming President Dina Boluarte swiftly and violently suppressed the protests, mainly led by grassroots Indigenous and campesino communities. To

date, the government of Peru has refused to engage in good-faith dialogue with the protestors. Similarly, increased violence and political unrest in many rural areas where we work, such as Colombia, escalated in 2022, limiting our ability to travel to and meet with communities.

Physical security was also a concern in 2022, particularly at civil convenings like COP27. It was widely reported that Egyptian authorities openly spied on participants, including human rights activists. In many of our key regions, we also saw ongoing collaboration between corporations, law enforcement, and armed groups to quell protests. Globally, we noted an uptick in digital security threats, including online surveillance. In response, we launched efforts to strengthen digital and physical security frameworks

for EarthRights, our students, alumni, and partners that we will continue to develop in the coming years.

Finally, while I was proud to lead our global team in our efforts to protect defenders and demand climate justice and corporate accountability, the time has come for me to work more directly with communities in the Mekong region. I will transition to a new role within the organization in 2024 while the Board searches for my replacement. While change is always bittersweet, I know that EarthRights is well-positioned to continue its great work and take on this evolution with a new executive director. I'll be right there with you.

In solidarity,

Ka Hsa Wa



Ka Hsa Wa talks with a participant of the first-ever Global School in Thailand 2022. Photo by: Cayla Nimmo/EarthRights International.

2022 BY THE NUMBERS

1,812+

Defenders reached through workshops and other convenings

95

Advocacy actions and events launched

38

Public documents, reports, and toolkits produced

40

Workshops and training sessions convened

23

Ongoing legal cases

22

Field visits to communities

9

Major public events held

33

Sets of new training materials and curriculum produced

6

Major campaign action alerts

1,400+

Letters sent to congressional and federal government targets

1,762

New email subscriptions

2,524

New social media followers

16

New staff hired



2022 ACHIEVEMENTS & VICTORIES

CLIMATE JUSTICE

As the climate crisis escalated in 2022, EarthRights was proud to support global efforts to center Indigenous and frontline communities in the fight for climate justice. Here's how we supported frontline communities in their resistance to climate-damaging development.



Water defenders engage in an action opposing Line 3, a pipeline expansion that anticipates bringing 760,000 barrels of tar sands crude oil per day from Alberta, Canada, to Superior, Wisconsin. Photo by: Ben Hoffman/EarthRights International.

WE HELPED WATER PROTECTORS AT LINE 3 SECURE A LEGAL VICTORY AGAINST ABUSIVE POLICING.

EarthRights continued to partner with Indigenous communities in Minnesota protesting the Line 3 pipeline. In September, a Minnesota state court ruled that police violated the legal rights of water protectors at Line 3 when they blocked access to an Indigenous-led convergence space known as Namewag Camp. EarthRights provided legal, campaigning, and advocacy communications support in these efforts led by our clients and our partners, the Giniw Collective and Honor the Earth.

WE SUPPORTED U.S. INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES DISPLACED BY CLIMATE CHANGE IN THEIR EFFORTS TO DEMAND ACTION FROM U.S. POLICYMAKERS.

In October, leaders representing a coalition of five Indigenous communities from Alaska and Louisiana traveled to Washington, D.C., to urge the Biden administration to honor international human rights obligations by protecting them and other vulnerable communities from climate change in a hearing convened by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

Threatened by displacement from their homes due to rising sea levels, the Tribes now face the loss of their ancestral homelands, the destruction of sacred burial sites, and the endangerment of their cultural traditions, heritage, health, lives, and livelihoods. EarthRights lent legal, advocacy, and public communication support to their efforts; as a result, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights launched an investigation.

WE HELPED INDIGENOUS YOUTH IN THE MEKONG REGION USE CREATIVE STORYTELLING TO DEMAND CLIMATE JUSTICE.

In June, EarthRights co-hosted the Indigenous Voices on Climate Change Media Workshop in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The event brought together 33 Indigenous community members and urban youth from three provinces and four communities to learn about the impacts of climate change and injustice on Indigenous people. EarthRights hosted the event to help establish a network of local Indigenous youth and communities, enabling participants to learn valuable media and production skills and use their shared challenges as earth rights defenders to connect. Their projects were later showcased at the Bangkok Art and Cultural Center on Indigenous People's Day.



Chief Devon Parfait of the Grand Caillou/Dulac band of Biloxi Chitimacha Choctaw watches the live stream of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) in Washington, D.C. 2022. Photo by: Cayla Nimmo/EarthRights International.

CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITY

From supporting deadly military juntas to destroying the natural resources of frontline communities, corporate corruption continues to run rampant. In 2022, EarthRights was proud to continue to hold corporations accountable for undermining human rights and accelerating our climate crisis.

WE SUPPORTED DEFENDERS AND CIVIL SOCIETY IN RESPONSE TO THE ATTEMPTED COUP IN MYANMAR.

The political situation in Myanmar continued to deteriorate in 2022, with widespread atrocity crimes, growing humanitarian needs, and a lack of coordinated international pressure, including an apparent lack of strategy by the U.S. government. EarthRights conducted a context analysis of the crisis in Myanmar for international policymakers and urged them to impose sanctions to cut off revenues to the junta. In February, the European Union announced sanctions on officials in Myanmar and the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE). Sanctions on gas revenues are estimated to have stopped at least 500 million USD from reaching the junta. As fossil fuel companies started to divest, EarthRights produced an analysis of responsible divestment strategies. We continued to press U.S. policymakers to take action to cut off revenues to MOGE, the largest source of foreign currency to the military junta.



EarthRights collaborates with members of the Myanmar diaspora to host a vigil in Washington, D.C. commemorating two years since the start of the military coup. Photo by: Cayla Nimmo/EarthRights International.

WE ACHIEVED A HISTORIC MILESTONE FOR FAMILIES OF COLOMBIANS MURDERED BY PARAMILITARY DEATH SQUADS FUNDED BY CHIQUITA.

After over 15 years of litigation, we secured a significant legal victory when, in September 2022, the U.S. Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals reversed a September 2019 summary judgment decision by a federal court in Florida, who had ruled that family members of individuals assassinated and tortured by the outlawed United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia (AUC), funded by the Chiquita banana company, lacked sufficient evidence in their case. Two months later, the Florida court removed the last hurdle in bringing the case to court when it denied Chiquita's final bid to dismiss these claims. EarthRights and the victims' families are preparing for the trial, which starts in April 2024.



Two boats are on the shoreline of a fishing community in India while the Tatra Mundra power plant is seen in the background in 2014. Photo by: Joe Athialy/Centre for Financial Accountability.

WE SPARKED CRITICAL REFORMS IN WORLD BANK-FUNDED PROJECTS.

In April, we reached the end of the legal road in the U.S. in our historic case representing an Indian fishing community whose livelihoods were ruined by a coal-fired power plant funded by the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the private lending arm of the World Bank. After the Supreme Court denied our clients' request to hear their case, we escalated advocacy efforts to hold the IFC responsible for remedying the harm the project imposed and to pressure the institution to reform its internal accountability mechanism. This landmark case was the first time communities injured by an IFC-financed project took the institution to court, helping ignite critical reforms for the World Bank's private lending arm.

WE DEMANDED ACCOUNTABILITY FOR AN OIL SPILL OFF THE COAST OF PERU.

A leak in an oil pipeline managed by the Spanish company Repsol imposed catastrophic damage on a community in Peru in early 2022. EarthRights partnered with the local organization CooperAcción to support the Fisherman's Association of Aucallama in their efforts to demand accountability from Repsol. EarthRights and partners provided legal support to the communities, trained them on their rights, and helped them prepare for a visit from a Rapporteur from the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, who confirmed that the oil spill had seriously undermined the region's economic stability.

WE SECURED A COURT RULING TO HALT A POTENTIALLY DESTRUCTIVE COAL MINE IN THAILAND.

EarthRights continued to work with Karen communities in Thailand's Omkoi district to resist an open-pit coal mine proposed without their consent over 20 years ago. We partnered with local organizations to launch the Omkoi Anti-Coal Mine Network and train local activists. In April

2022, we helped the community file a lawsuit against the mine in Thailand Administrative Court, which the court accepted a month later. In September, the court announced a temporary injunction on the mining project—a significant victory for the community.

HOW A YOUNG WOMAN IN THAILAND LED A CAMPAIGN AGAINST A COAL MINE

Duang Kaew is an earth rights defender. As a young Pwo Karen woman, she is fighting to protect her home and her community—the Kaboedin village in Thailand's Omkoi district—from a coal mine that would pollute their air and water, destroy local agriculture systems, clog the area's roadways, and threaten the community's way of life. In the year 2000, the Thai-owned 99 Thuwanon Company applied for a coal mining concession certificate on the land occupied by the Kaboedin village, but Duang Kaew's community only learned of the project a few years ago.

Several years ago, EarthRights partnered with local non-profits and civil society organizations in the name of the "Omkoi Anti-Coal Mine Network" to build capacity for community members and young leaders to help them learn critical skills to raise their voices. After taking training courses on campaigning and advocacy, Duang Kaew emerged as a community leader and organizer. She educated her peers about possible harms associated with the mine and led her community to collect and analyze data for a community health impact assessment for the mine.

In April, the community, with assistance from EarthRights and partners, filed a lawsuit against the mine in local court. In a huge victory for Duang Kaew and her community, the court announced in the fall that operations at the plant would halt.

EarthRights was proud to support the community in its advocacy. Of our work together, Duang Kaew says, "EarthRights International leads capacity building and support[s] planning activities, as well as coordinate[s] with communities and all partners to achieve the goal."



Duang Kaew sits beside a small creek in the Kaboedin village which local communities use as their main water source. Photo by: Chalefun Ditphudee/EarthRights International.

EARTHRIGHTS DEFENDERS

2022 presented new opportunities and challenges for EarthRights as we continued to work with defenders to protect their communities, rights, resources, and livelihoods from destructive development. EarthRights played a key role in international policy initiatives, coordinating closely with civil society partners to support global trends toward recognizing the rights of environmental and human rights defenders.



EarthRights' legal team and part of the delegation of the U'wa Nation pose for a portrait at the Constitutional Court of Chile, where the hearing before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights was held in 2023. Photo by: Rosa Luz Arista Zerga/ EarthRights International.

WE HELPED THE U'WA NATION PREPARE FOR ITS HISTORIC CASE AT THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

EarthRights continued to support the U'wa people of Colombia in their fight against oil extraction at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights—the highest court in Latin America. For over 30 years, Los Angeles-based oil giant Occidental Petroleum, as other oil companies, has signed deals with the Colombian government to extract oil from the subsoil of the U'wa's land, violating their territorial and cultural rights. EarthRights's Amazon team worked with the U'wa throughout 2022 to develop legal and communications strategies to support the community for their hearing at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in April of 2023. This is the first case the Court has agreed to hear concerning the cultural rights and self-determination of Indigenous peoples in Colombia; the outcome is expected to set a legal precedent for future Indigenous communities harmed or threatened by extractive industries.

WE WORKED TO STRENGTHEN PROTECTIONS FOR EARTH RIGHTS DEFENDERS IN HONDURAS.

Violence against land rights defenders in Honduras escalated in 2022 as paramilitary groups connected to economic elites attacked campesino community leaders, murdering seven. EarthRights worked with partners in 2022 to document these attacks and advocate for accountability before Honduran and international human rights bodies. We also met with officials at the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights and the United Nations, urging them to pressure the government of Honduras to investigate violence in the Bajo Aguán region. EarthRights will continue to support Honduran partners by providing them with legal support, training, and technical assistance in government negotiations.

WE AMPLIFIED THE CONCERNS OF EARTH RIGHTS DEFENDERS TO DECISION-MAKERS AT HIGH-LEVEL INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE NEGOTIATIONS.

In June, EarthRights supported Anoshka Violeta Irey Cameno, a woman leader from the Native Federation of Madre de Dios (FENAMAD), a group of Peruvian Indigenous communities resisting illegal logging in their territories, at the Stockholm +50 conference. We held a side event where we highlighted the role of Indigenous leaders in defending Indigenous rights and territories and educated participants on specific threats facing people living in isolation.

Anoshka Violeta Irey Cameno of FENAMAD speaks at a side event about earth defenders at COP27 in Egypt, 2022. Photo by: Cayla Nimmo/EarthRights International.



WE PUBLISHED SECURITY TOOLKITS FOR DEFENDERS IN THE MEKONG REGION.

EarthRights continued to support community-based activists in the Mekong region by creating and disseminating training materials on judicial harassment in Thailand and Myanmar. Created in partnership with the Center for Protection and Revival of Local Community Rights, the toolkits cover topics such as physical and cyber security and specific threats facing women and LGBTIQ+ defenders. We are creating additional safety and security resources for release in 2023 and 2024.

WE EXPOSED THE FOSSIL FUEL INDUSTRY'S USE OF JUDICIAL HARASSMENT IN THE U.S.

In September, U.S. Rep. Jamie Raskin introduced legislation to protect the First Amendment rights of concerned citizens, journalists, and activists by ending the use of strategic lawsuits against public participation (SLAPPs). The SLAPP Protection Act was introduced just days after EarthRights released research showing that the fossil fuel industry has targeted more than 150 people and organizations with SLAPPs and related tactics over the past ten years, along with a video featuring commentary from activists who had experienced SLAPPs.

GLOBAL EDUCATION



Participants in the Global School share how their community-based work inspires them on the first day of the convening, December 2022 in Thailand. Photo by: Cayla Nimmo/EarthRights International.

SUPPORTING EARTHRIGHTS DEFENDERS THROUGH INNOVATIVE TRAINING PROGRAMS

Since our founding, EarthRights has been proud to put power back in the hands of frontline defenders and communities threatened and attacked in the name of development. In 2022, our training programs continued to deliver mentorship, community-building, cutting-edge resources, and one-of-a-kind networking opportunities to earth rights defenders.

WE SUPPORTED WOMEN DEFENDERS OF THE TERRITORY IN THE AMAZON REGION BY FACILITATING THE LAUNCH OF A NEW NETWORK.

From gender-based violence to harassment and intimidation, Indigenous women face unique challenges in their work. In February 2022, EarthRights responded to requests for support from women defenders in the Amazon region by helping to launch the Latin American Defenders Women's Network to strengthen their leadership skills and ancestral knowledge and help them defend the rights

of local Indigenous communities. In May of 2022, we supported the network by convening an online forum for them to share their experiences with the UN Special Rapporteurship on Violence Against Women. The network also met throughout the year to coordinate activities and solidify plans for future in-person meetings.

WE CONVENED THE LATIN AMERICAN SEMINAR ON INDIGENOUS LEGAL DEFENSE (SEMINARIO).

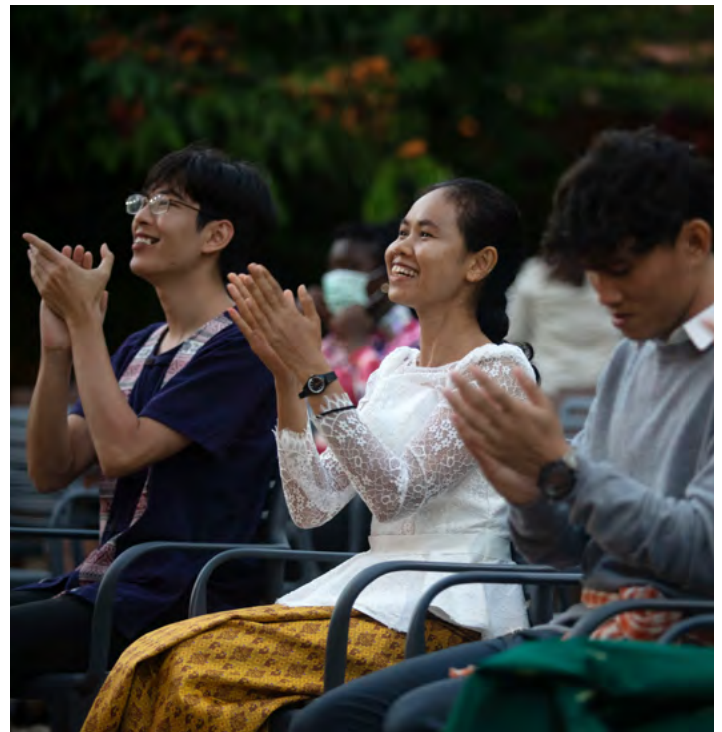
Since 2015, EarthRights has provided defenders in Latin America with space to come together, share experiences, and learn legal advocacy skills through our Seminario program. In November, 16 Indigenous defenders and lawyers from Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Bolivia, Guatemala, Honduras, and Peru convened for Seminario.

Our Amazon team developed training materials for the session, which covered topics including the rights of Indigenous peoples in Latin America, legal strategies for defending Indigenous peoples at the International level, legal and technical mechanisms, and communications and advocacy strategies, among other topics. Following the session, participants collaborated on a video in support of Campesino communities in the Bajo Aguan.

WE GATHERED MEKONG REGION DEFENDERS FOR THE EARTHRIGHTS SCHOOL.

In late 2022, 12 students hailing from Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Myanmar came together virtually and in person for the EarthRights School. The first part took place online from mid-August to mid-September. We used a combination of platforms, including Zoom and Google Classroom to orient students and train them on sustainable movements and the root causes of earth rights abuses. Meanwhile, students met with members of their communities to conduct problem analyses, map stakeholders, and assess their communities' unique needs.

Students then convened in person for eight weeks, where they learned additional campaigning strategies and tactics such as media advocacy, LEAD tools, project cycle management, proposal writing, and more. Lessons on gender, security, and well-being were integrated into each of the training modules. In addition to classroom-based learning, students participated in field trips to witness the effects of development in the area and to integrate their field experiences into their campaign and project plans. Students also had the opportunity to network and participate in an exchange event with participants of the Global School. All 12 participants were committed and engaged and will bring the skills they learned at the EarthRights Schools back to their communities to support earth rights defenders at the local level.



Graduate Kong Lekna of Cambodia applauds during the EarthRights School class of 2022 graduation in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Photo by: Cayla Nimmo/EarthRights International.

WE CONVENED THE FIRST-EVER EARTHRIGHTS GLOBAL SCHOOL.

After years of planning, in December 2022, with our partners, the Center for Transnational Environmental Accountability and Advocates for Community Alternatives, EarthRights convened our first-ever Global School. Building on the success of our regional programs, the Global School brings together defenders from regions of the world threatened by destructive development—the Mekong, the Amazon, and Sub-Saharan Africa—to learn, connect, and create a global network of defenders.

In addition to participating in hands-on learning exercises from our curriculum, participants compared experiences and advocacy strategies across regions. They also met with community leaders to learn about their successes in opposing destructive development projects, and they explored the Mekong River to appreciate first-hand what frontline communities are fighting to protect.

WE RELAUNCHED THE MEKONG LEGAL ADVOCACY INSTITUTE.

After a nearly three-year hiatus due to COVID-19, the Mekong Legal Team hosted the Mekong Legal Advocacy Institute for two weeks in Chiang Mai in October. Some 16 participants hailing from Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, and China attended, joined by two of our U.S. legal fellows, where they shared experiences on the challenges for legal advocacy on environmental issues in the region, visited the sites of proposed development projects, and toured the Chiang Mai administrative court. Students will apply what they learned at the session to support communities affected by earth rights abuses.



The Mekong Legal Advocacy Institute training (MLAI) participant held coal in her hand during the Omkoi community field visit in November 2022. Photo by: Chalefun Ditphudee/EarthRights International.



Emmanuel Umpula presents on a lime mining case study from the Kabombwa village during the Global School in Thailand December 2022. Photo by: Cayla Nimmo/EarthRights International.

WE DEVELOPED A PILOT PROGRAM FOR DEFENDERS IN THE CONGO RIVER BASIN.

Inspired by our 2021 Online Global Convening and 2022 Global School, one participant, Emmanuel Umpula of AfreWatch, a Democratic Republic of the Congo non-profit that promotes the equitable use of natural resources in Africa, reached out to EarthRights to explore opportunities for future collaboration. In early 2023, a team from EarthRights met with Emmanuel and local communities to co-develop a program to train the next generation of earth rights defenders in the Congo River Basin area. The pilot program successfully convened in August of 2023, bringing 24 Congolese defenders together to network and learn from one another.

WE CONTINUED DEVELOPING ONLINE TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR DEFENDERS.

The Global Education team, in collaboration with colleagues from the Communications and Amazon teams, continued to develop a series of online training courses to reach defenders in areas not served by our in-person training programs. We completed the first course in 2022, Moment to Movement, which aims to show defenders how to build lasting social movements. The course features videos of earth rights defenders who share personal experiences and covers topics such as the role of lawyers in social movements, building inclusive movements, and more.

We piloted the course for our EarthRights Mekong students to gather their feedback, and hope to collaborate with partners to produce additional videos to complement our in-person training programs.

BOARD PROFILE: DAN GERARD

"I believe that the protection of our environment is the seminal issue that the world is facing today."

-Dan Gerard

Dan Gerard is the newest board member to join EarthRights and our growing team. Dan is leaving a long and successful legal career, but he is more committed than ever to protecting earth rights for all.

After more than three decades of practicing law in an arcane area of corporate finance known as structured finance, Dan decided to retire from his firm, Sidley Austin LLP, at the age of 62. Dan found his career at Sidley challenging, interesting, and rewarding, but he felt that his efforts only benefitted a very small group of people.

Photo courtesy of Dan Gerard.



"It is essential to protect our earth rights and those who defend them, including taking legal action against the entities that abuse those rights."

-Dan Gerard

Most people hear "lawyers" and assume that they must be loud and aggressive—that is not Dan. He is a soft-spoken, consensus builder whose legal work was primarily of a transactional nature. Clients expected him to skillfully and zealously represent their interests, but those clients were not paid if the transaction did not close. As a result, they wanted a lawyer who protected their interests but who was also imaginative, understood the bigger picture, and worked in a cooperative manner with the goal of bringing their transaction to a close.

Despite enjoying his long legal career, Dan decided to retire early because he wanted to change direction and "give back" to a much broader group by joining the board of an engaged charity or non-profit. Through Sidley, he was able to connect with a company that specializes in connecting people in the business world to Board opportunities at non-profits.

Most of his earlier non-profit efforts had been primarily in the educational area, but in his retirement, Dan wanted to address the challenges that lie in the intersection of climate justice and human rights. In his view, the world is facing imminent and existential environmental problems that are only worsening. Dan believes that these issues cannot be ignored. He deeply feels that "it is essential to protect our earth rights and those who defend them, including taking legal action against the entities that abuse those rights."

Through his background in finance, Dan was well-positioned to help those directly working to address these issues on a global scale. International finance often has a negative hand in the climate crisis, but there are people like Dan working to make the field more environmentally conscious and engaged.

Our mission statement as an organization particularly resonated with Dan, especially our commitment to defending the defenders. "I hope to contribute to EarthRights' efforts in any way that I can. Because I am now retired, I have a fair amount of free time. I hope to show the team at EarthRights, as well as the partners and allies of EarthRights, that I am willing and available to lend a hand in any way that would be helpful," he affirmed.

When Dan is not busy contributing his time and energy to EarthRights, he keeps up many hobbies and activities. A significant part of his free time is spent maintaining his health by going to the gym, playing tennis, and helping his father. At age 99, his father still lives alone and is healthy, but he faces a number of issues that require regular assistance from Dan. To stay grounded when juggling the challenges presented by climate justice and human rights work, Dan also loves to spend quality time with family and friends.

PROGRESS TOWARDS OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

EarthRights is currently four years into an ambitious five-year strategic plan that presents our vision of a world in which the worst impacts of climate change are averted, earth rights defenders are able to effectively carry out their work, and corporations are held accountable for the harms they impose on people and the planet. In 2022, we made progress toward realizing this vision in the following ways:

CLIMATE JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY



EarthRights co-hosted a side event, “Environmental Defenders Advancing Climate Justice,” at COP27 in Egypt, 2022. Photo by: Cayla Nimmo/EarthRights International.

Global goal: Fossil fuel companies and governments are held increasingly accountable for climate-related damages to frontline communities and for respecting communities’ rights vis-a-vis climate-damaging fossil fuel, hydro, and agribusiness projects.

EarthRights made progress towards realizing this goal in 2022 by:

Amplifying the voices of frontline communities at the global level about the consequences of climate change:

- Participating in the Bonn climate conference, COP27, and Stockholm +50 and supporting women defenders at those forums.
- Co-convening a side event with women climate defenders from around the world at COP27 that attracted 60 attendees.
- Advocating with governments to include human rights protections in global climate negotiations.

Advocating for climate justice across three continents:

- Supporting a hearing between the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and communities from Alaska and Louisiana threatened by climate displacement.
- Publishing recommendations for U.S. policymakers on climate change and human rights.
- Litigating seven active climate justice cases and developing six new cases.
- Developing curriculum and legal documents on the Rights of Nature.
- Holding numerous community workshops in the Mekong and Amazon regions to raise awareness of the consequences of climate change, its effects on Indigenous Peoples' rights, data collection, and advocacy tools.
- Convening a two-day workshop in Thailand to teach multi-media storytelling skills to 56 Indigenous youth, including several EarthRights School alumni, to help them share their experiences living with the consequences of climate change.
- Holding an event at the Bangkok Art and Cultural Center on Indigenous People's Day to showcase the projects that students created as part of their two-day multi-media workshop.

Leading international collaborative efforts to address climate change:

- Playing a leadership role in several international working groups and networks dedicated to securing climate justice and human rights.



Young Indigenous community leaders share lessons they've learned through their climate advocacy at a panel event for the Indigenous Voices on Climate Change Media Workshop at the Bangkok Art & Culture Centre in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Photo by: Chalefun Ditphudee/EarthRights International.

CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITY



EarthRights collaborates with members of the Myanmar Diaspora to host a vigil in Washington, D.C. Photo by: Cayla Nimmo/EarthRights International.

Global goal: The legal and social accountability of corporations for respecting community rights, including the right to land and a healthy environment, are increased in regions where EarthRights works.

EarthRights made progress towards realizing this goal in 2022 by:

Holding corporations legally and politically accountable for the harms they impose on people and the planet:

- Advocating for the International Finance Corporation's (IFC) to adopt a robust institutional approach to remedy that addresses future and past harms imposed on communities by IFC-funded projects.
- Supporting communities in Myanmar after the attempted coup, including pressuring the U.S. government to sanction gas operations and successfully pressuring oil companies to divert at least some revenues from reaching the military.
- Advocating for the Alien Tort Statute Clarification Act, introduced in May 2022.
- Collaborating with civil society organizations in Thailand to participate in the country's National Action Plan, which establishes human rights-related standards for businesses.

Giving activists and public interest lawyers across three continents the knowledge and skills they need to demand corporate accountability in their own communities:

- Developing a curriculum for the Global School on Chinese investment.
- Finalizing the Local Engagement, Action, and Dialogue toolkit, a resource and framework for communities that captures EarthRights' community-centered approach to campaigning, legal advocacy, and training.
- Developing a plan in Cambodia to support a network of lawyers and legal advocates.
- Training activists and lawyers in the Mekong and Amazon regions on issues relating to corporate accountability.
- Holding the first Global School with participants from the Mekong, Amazon, and Sub-Saharan Africa, where they learned about issues related to corporate accountability and formed a global network.
- Researching and producing a regional report for Indigenous defenders on the relationship between public forces and extractive companies in the Amazon region.

EARTH RIGHTS DEFENDERS



LEAD Convening participants, including EarthRights staff, EarthRights alums, community leaders, and partners learned and exchanged best practices on forest management with Nong Tao, Karen communities in Chiangmai, Thailand. Photo by: Chalefun Ditphudee /EarthRights International.

Global goal: Criminalization and attacks against earth rights defenders are reduced, and legal protections are strengthened in countries where EarthRights works.

EarthRights made progress towards realizing this goal in 2022 by:

Facilitating or providing support to defenders from three continents to strategize, train, and collaborate with each other:

- Working closely with communities in the Amazon and Mekong to build their capacity to protect themselves, including a training in Puerto Maldonado, Peru, that attracted 60 participants.
- Building connections with women defenders in Brazil to expand our work there.
- Sponsoring the Global School with activists from South America, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Southeast Asia and creating a global network of activists.
- Creating a small grants program for alumni in the Mekong region.
- Growing our alumni network in the Mekong region.
- Supporting the establishment of an African network of environmental defenders.
- Helping lead work by the Alliance of Land, Indigenous, and Environmental Defenders (ALLIED) global coalition on criminalization of defenders.

Advocating for policies and legal protections for defenders in the U.S. and globally:

- Educating UN officials, including the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and the UN Special Rapporteur on Indigenous Peoples, about the ongoing criminalization and judicial intimidation of defenders.
- Advocating with the U.S. Congress to adopt legislation strengthening protection for human rights defenders globally.
- Working with the U.S. Congress to introduce federal anti-SLAPP legislation.
- Appealing to the International Council on Mining and Metals to include action on defenders in its guidelines.
- Supporting U'Wa Nation leaders in intercultural dialogues with the government of Colombia.
- Advocating for the ratification of the Escazu Agreement in Peru.

Exposing global threats against activists in courts, at international convenings, and through digital and social media channels:

- Creating 10 booklets on criminalization and judicial harassment in the Mekong region.
- Producing a report on challenges facing earth rights defenders in Southeast Asia.
- Moderating a side event at the Conference of the Parties to the Escazú Agreement where Julio Cusurichi Palacios, the president of FENAMAD, spoke about his experiences with judicial intimidation.
- Releasing public statements about the criminalization of defenders in the Amazon region.
- Supporting defenders in talks with the U.S. government to advocate for a national action plan on business and human rights.

Providing legal and advocacy defense to defenders who have been criminalized and seeking remedies on their behalf:

- Defending in court defenders who have been criminalized and harassed.
- Preparing to represent the U'wa Nation in their precedent-setting case against Occidental Petroleum at the InterAmerican Commission for Human Rights.
- Urging the Ministry of Justice in Mexico to demand protection measures for 19 Indigenous leaders of the PUINAMUDT platform from Loreto, criminalized for participating in a protest.
- Collaborating with the Human Rights Center Zeferino Ladrillero to demand the freedom of Mexican activist Kenia Hernandez.



In September 2022, Indigenous defenders held a dialogue with authorities from the Peruvian Ministry of Justice regarding a report prepared by EarthRights on protection mechanisms for criminalized and threatened defenders. Photo courtesy: EarthRights Amazon program.

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	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Revenue and Other Support			
Foundation Grants and Contributions	\$ 1,380,050	\$ 3,230,781	\$ 4,610,831
Contracts	-	-	53,875
Net Investment Income	(766,029)	(27,934)	(793,963)
Other	2,496	-	2,496
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	5,653,279	(5,653,279)	-
Total Revenue and Other Support	\$ 6,269,796	\$ (2,450,432)	\$ 3,819,364
Expenses			
Program Services:			
Legal	\$ 2,733,502	\$ -	\$ 2,733,502
Advocacy and Campaigns	1,145,760	-	1,145,760
ER Schools and Training	786,465	-	786,465
International Cross-Cutting	694,429	-	694,429
Total Program Expenses	5,360,156	-	5,360,156
Supporting Services:			
Management and General	534,824	-	534,824
Development	459,102	-	459,102
Total Supporting Services Expenses	993,926	-	993,926
Total Expenses	6,354,082	-	6,354,082
Change in Net Assets before other item	(84,286)	(2,450,432)	(2,534,718)
Other item			
Forgiveness of debt	-	-	-
Change in Net Assets after other item	(84,286)	(2,450,432)	(2,534,718)
Net Assets, beginning of year	6,653,495	10,023,832	16,677,327
Net Assets, end of year	\$ 6,569,209	\$ 7,573,400	\$ 14,142,609

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