



# EQUATOR PRIZE 2021 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

## Equator Prize 2021 Theme: Solving our Planetary Crisis

This year's Equator Prize will recognize innovative initiatives from local communities and Indigenous peoples that demonstrate exceptional achievements in nature-based solutions for local sustainable development. Winning initiatives will be honored for their successes in protecting, restoring and/or sustainably managing biodiversity for positive development outcomes.

Thematic priorities include:

- **Action on Sustainable Food Systems**  
Protection, restoration and/or sustainable management of natural and agricultural ecosystems for food security.
- **Action on Climate**  
Protection, restoration and/or sustainable management of ecosystems that help mitigate greenhouse gas emissions, and/or help communities adapt to the impacts of climate change.
- **Action on Nature and Green Economy**  
Protection, restoration and/or sustainable management of terrestrial or marine ecosystems, biodiversity, and/or wildlife that enables sustainable and green livelihoods, enterprises, and jobs, including Indigenous economies

Special consideration will be given to nominees working on ecosystem integrity and intactness, water security, disaster risk reduction, advocacy for land and water rights, social and environmental justice, and gender equality.

The Equator Prize 2021 nomination process will offer community-based initiatives the opportunity to share their work on the Equator Initiative's [web portal of local nature-based solutions for sustainable development](#). The platform connects communities around the world and shares local solutions that work for people and planet. Participation in this platform is optional when submitting nominations for the Equator Prize.

## Submit Nominations for the Equator Prize 2021

Nominations may be submitted through our [online nomination system](#). If you are having technical issues, please contact us at [prize@equatorinitiative.org](mailto:prize@equatorinitiative.org).

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## About the Equator Initiative and the Equator Prize

The Equator Initiative is a United Nations-led partnership that brings together governments, civil society, grassroots organizations, and businesses to foster resilient communities by recognizing and advancing local nature-based solutions for sustainable development. The Equator Initiative creates opportunities and platforms to share knowledge and good practices, develops capacities of local communities and Indigenous peoples, informs policy through convening multi-stakeholder dialogues, and fosters enabling environments to replicate and scale up community action.

The Equator Prize 2021 will be awarded to outstanding local community and Indigenous peoples initiatives that advance innovative nature-based solutions for sustainable development. The winners will join a prestigious network of 255 leading community-based organizations from 83 countries that have been awarded the Equator Prize since 2002. Each Equator Prize winner will receive USD 10,000 and will be supported to participate in a series of policy dialogues and special events in the fall of 2021.