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Sink or swim:
How Indigenous and community lands
can make or break nationally determined
contributions

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This paper examines the role of indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLC) lands as carbon sinks and how they may impact national climate commitments in four countries – Brazil, Colombia, Mexico and Peru. These countries are responsible for 53 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions and store about 28 percent of the carbon located in IPLC lands. Together, they are home to over 300 indigenous groups whose lands are currently threatened by over-development, mining, and agri-business. For each of the four countries, we examined past and existing nationally determined contributions and related documents, conducted a geospatial analysis to examine carbon sequestration and emissions on IPLC lands, and assessed the extent to which IPLC lands are protected by national laws and policies. This analysis was used to develop a set of actionable recommendations for governments in the four countries, many of which are also relevant to governments in other forest countries with significant IPLC populations.

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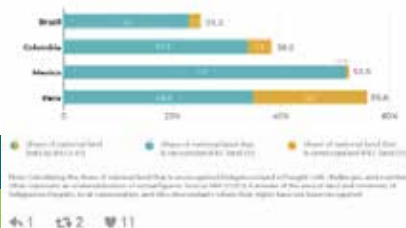
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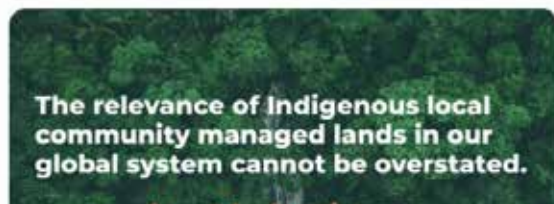
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