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Statement for WILD 12

Indigenous peoples are the ancestral owners and guardians of our territories, and our connection to them is spiritual and indivisible. The conservation of biodiversity and climate change mitigation are global challenges that are intrinsically linked and cannot be addressed in isolation. Our ancestral wisdom and territorial management practices are essential for tackling these challenges in a comprehensive, unified, and effective manner.

As the ancient stewards of over 80% of the world's biodiversity, through our Amazonia para la Vida 80 x 25 initiative, we demand the recognition of Indigenous territories as a crucial tool to achieve conservation goals. We are committed to protecting 80% of the Amazon biome by 2025, thereby preventing an ecological tipping point. We insist on full and effective participation in decisions that impact both our territories and the future of the planet.

It is imperative to strengthen our organizational structures and prioritize human well-being. Without our protection and leadership, any efforts to conserve biodiversity and combat climate change will be incomplete and doomed to failure.

In this context, it is essential to highlight the indispensable role of Amazonian Indigenous women. These women are not only the bearers and transmitters of traditional knowledge but also tireless defenders of life and our natural resources. Their leadership is fundamental to the sustainable management of our territories, as they combine ancestral wisdom with innovative vision to address environmental crises.

Our Indigenous women are not just preservers and transmitters of our culture and knowledge; they are the backbone of our conservation strategies. Their role must be recognized and strengthened, as their courage and dedication are vital for the protection of the Amazon and the safeguarding of the planet.