



CLIMATE COUNSEL

Climate Counsel pursued environmental justice across **4** continents in **2022**

1 Communication submitted to the ICC

2 projects building civil society capacities

3 parties advised on national ecocide laws

2022 Newsletter

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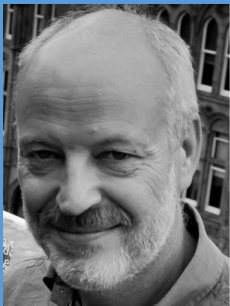
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BRAZIL ICC COMMUNICATION

Working with indigenous and traditional communities, we submitted a Communication to the Prosecutor of the ICC regarding Crimes Against Humanity in the Amazon

The Communication was accompanied by an online platform developed by our partners at INTERPRT

VISIT: brazil-crimes.org



Patrick Alley, Co-founder and Director, Global Witness

“Climate Counsel’s Communication is an important step towards achieving justice for indigenous and traditional communities in Brazil”

Filing parties:

Supporting parties:



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Observatório do Clima
20 anos



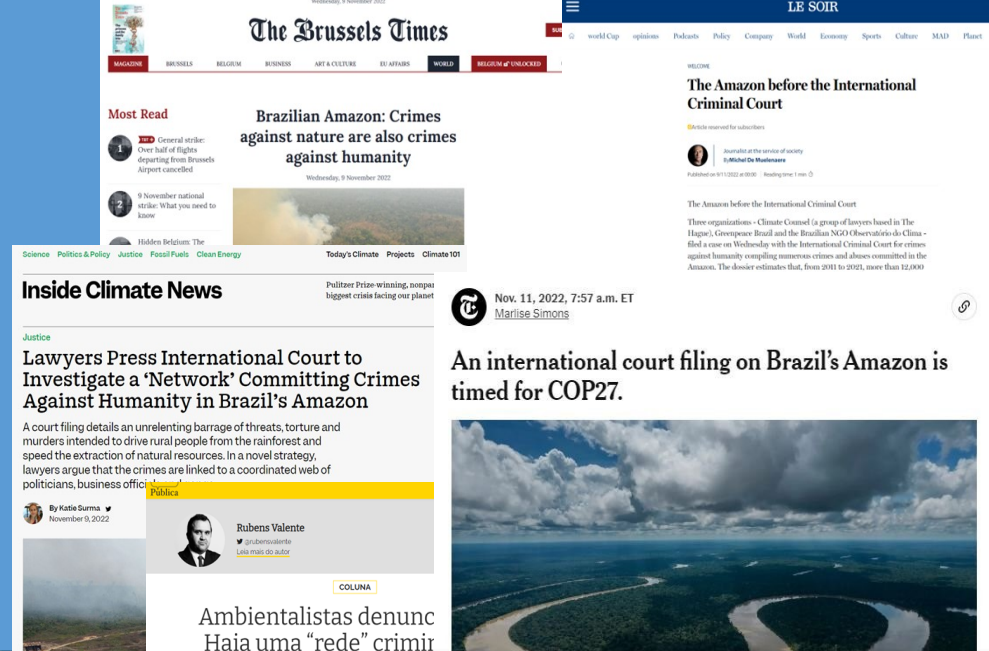
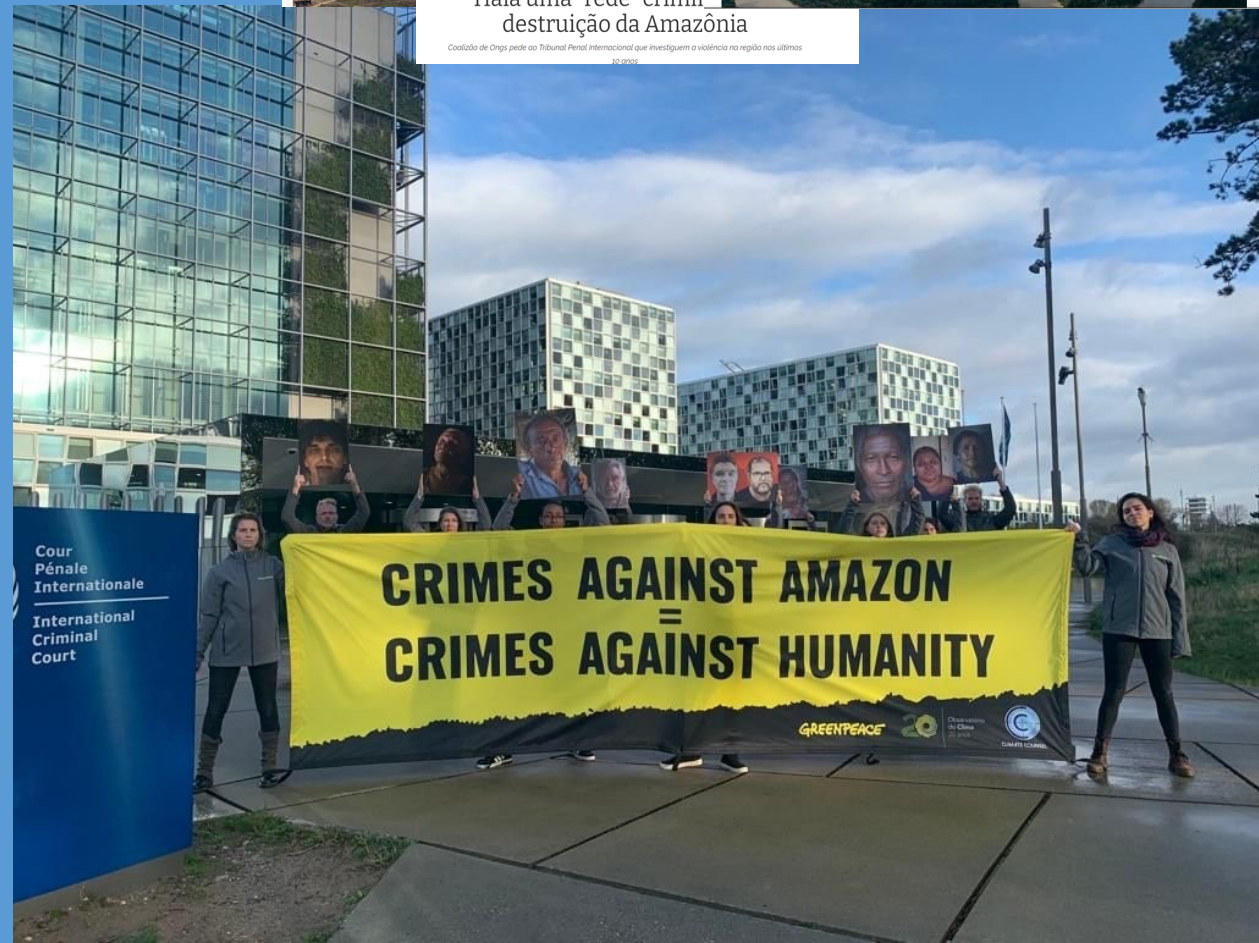
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UKRAINE SUPPORT

We are working with Wayne Jordash KC of Global Rights Compliance and with International Development Law Organisation to provide ongoing support to actors on the ground in Ukraine:

- ⇒ Technical assistance to Prosecutors investigating environmental crimes
- ⇒ Capacity building for civil society organisations for a green reconstruction
- ⇒ Environmental crime expertise to the Prosecutors Training School of Ukraine



Rt. Hon. David Lammy
UK Shadow Foreign Secretary
(Labour Party)

“Support for Ukraine from members of the international legal community such as Climate Counsel will help ensure Russia is held to account for its actions”

JUSTICE FOR CRIMEA

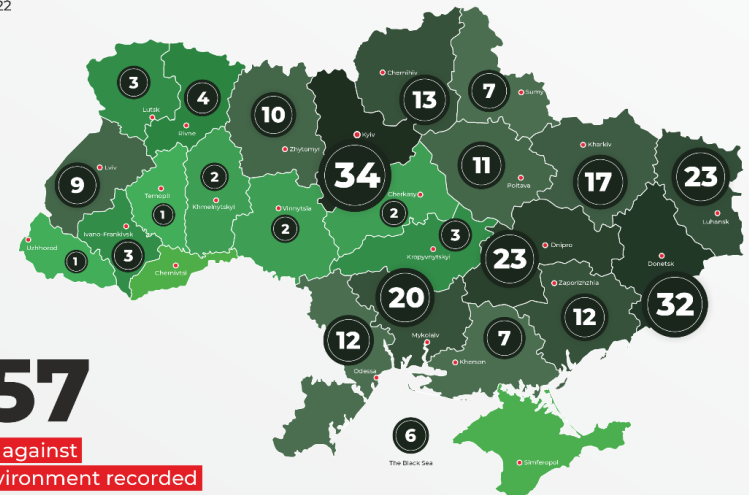
We are working alongside Ukrainian investigative organisation Truth Hounds, and our partners International Partnership for Human Rights to provide support to the Prosecutor of Crimea in ongoing cases of environmental crimes in the occupied territory

CRIMES AGAINST ENVIRONMENT

CAUSED BY THE RUSSIAN INVASION OF UKRAINE



* as of 27 May 2022



 **257**
crimes against
the environment recorded

Source: The Special Taskforce of the State Ecological Inspectorate of Ukraine



INTERNATIONAL ECOCIDE ADVOCACY

Since our work with the Proposed Definition for an International Law of Ecocide with Philippe Sands KC in 2021, we have continued to push, alongside Jojo Mehta of Stop Ecocide International and other partners, for the adoption of a new law of ecocide

Our executive director, Richard J Rogers, and board member Kate Mackintosh of UCLA have appeared on international panels, provided expert testimony to the European Parliament, and published numerous articles to argue in favour of a new international law to protect the planet.

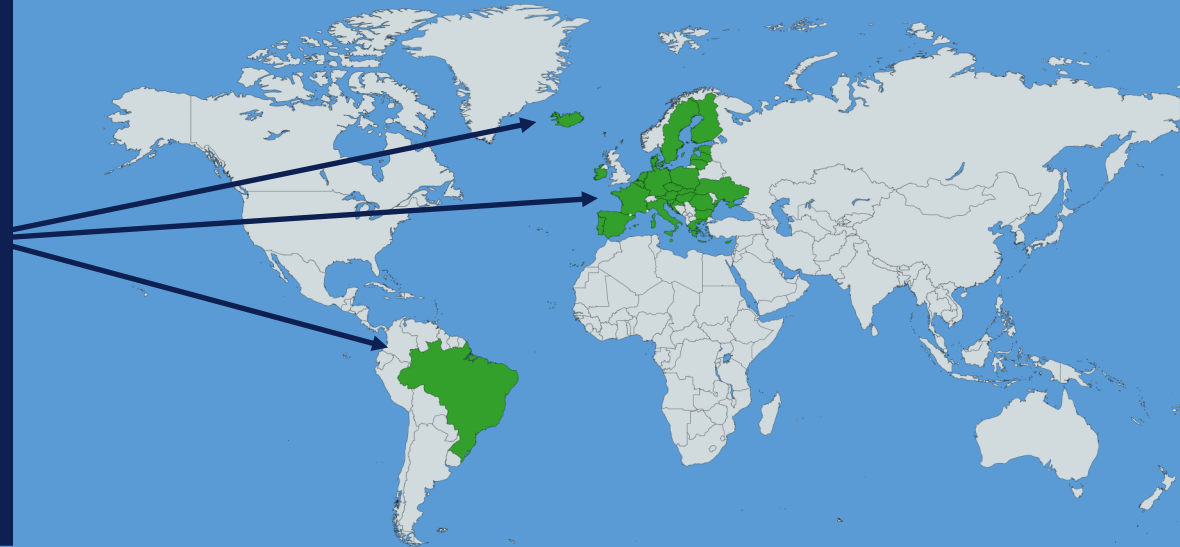


ECOCIDE ADVICE CENTRE

We advised lawmakers and CSOs from Brazil, Belgium, Iceland, Ukraine, and the EU on national ecocide laws, strategy, and advocacy

VISIT:

climatecounsel.org/ecocide-advice-centre



SUDAN CIVIL SOCIETY TRAINING

We worked with Sudanese and international partners to develop a digital training course on investigating international crimes associated with the environment

The course was provided to Sudanese civil society organisations, supporting locally led investigations and accountability efforts

Our partners, Sudanese Archives and Project Expedite Justice, worked to produce courses focused on other areas of interest to civil society groups

Lesson 1: The legal frame...
Environmental damage and crimes against humanity

Crimes

Contextual elements of crimes against humanity

- Murder (e.g. poisoning of a water source)
- Forcible transfer of population (e.g. destruction of an ancestral forest forcing a community to flee)
- Persecution (e.g. burning the crops of an ethnic group because of their ethnicity)
- Other inhumane acts (e.g. deforestation causing severe suffering not covered by other crimes)

دراسة حالة: السودان

- ❖ جرائم الحرب (الممتلكات المدنية) – (يمكن توسيعها لتشمل الضرر البيئي)
- ❖ جرائم الحرب (التهب) – (يمكن توسيعها لتشمل الضرر البيئي)
- ❖ الإبادة الجماعية – تشمل الهجمات على مصادر المياه

الخطورة والمقبولية

- نطاق الجرائم
- طبيعة الجرائم
- طريقة العمولة
- أثر الجرائم
- التكامل

PLANS FOR 2023

We looking forward to continuing our work in 2023

We will submit a new Communication to the Prosecutor of the ICC, highlighting the importance of climate security to existing and future cases

We will continue our work in Ukraine, supporting prosecutors and civil society

We will work to provide ecocide advice to policy makers and civil society to advance the cause of climate justice

GD ALLIANCE

Climate Counsel plays an important role within GD Alliance, a global legal alliance addressing the most extreme forms of social, racial, economic, and environmental injustices around the world.

Climate Counsel pursues environmental justice as a core part of the Environmental Crimes & Climate Crisis Practice Group

VISIT: www.gd-alliance.org



A Message from Executive Director, Richard J Rogers:

“Since Climate Counsel’s foundation in 2020, we have gradually expanded the scope and scale of our activities in law and advocacy. 2022 has been an important year for the organisation, with the completion of several projects that will hopefully have a lasting impact and further the cause of environmental justice for affected communities.”



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