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## Big Win for The Surui – and the Amazon Rainforest

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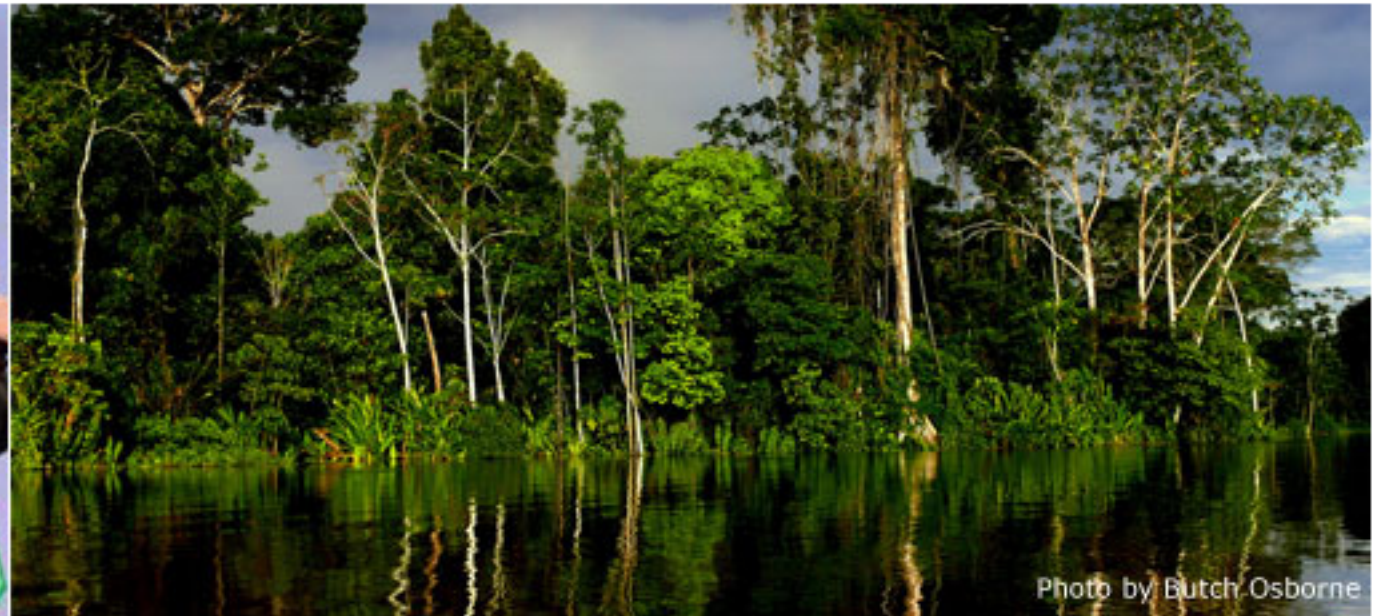


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A small tribe of indigenous people unknown to the outside world a half-century ago and once on the brink of extinction has harnessed an innovative forest carbon project to shield their territory from illegal logging. Now, the 1300- strong Paiter-Surui is the first indigenous tribe in the Amazon and globally to earn carbon credits under internationally recognized standards for capturing carbon in trees – setting the stage for scores of similar projects that can unleash needed funding for indigenous people who preserve endangered tropical rainforest across the Amazon.

This is part of the Skoll-supported [Amazon Corridors initiative](#). The Skoll Foundation is supporting many of the organizations involved — including Forest Trends, Amazon Conservation Team, Equipe de Conservacao da Amazonia (ECAM), IDESAM, Conservation Strategy Fund, Kaninde and Metareila (the Surui indigenous organization).

“This project can be a model for indigenous groups across Brazil,” said Divaldo Rezende, Environment Secretary for the Amazonian state of Tocantins. “We’re watching it very closely in our state, and I know others are as well.”

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