

Sciences Across Cultures Initiative

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Project Description:

The intent of the SACI is to support the Kichwa Indigenous People of Sarayaku, whose ancestral territory is located in the current Ecuadorian Amazon, to recognize the rights of their territory and defend their lands from extractive industries—such as oil drilling and mining—and any other form of intervention without consultation and consent. With free, prior, and informed consent (FPIC) provided through the cultural and political authority of the Council of the Kichwa Indigenous People of Sarayaku, the SACI will collect specimens, generate data, and record soundscapes and interviews to complete a comprehensive mycorrhizal and above-ground survey of fungal diversity and an audio archive to support the Kawsak Sacha Declaration.

The Kawsak Sacha Declaration:

Kawsak Sacha is a living being, with consciousness, constituted by all the beings of the Jungle, from the most infinitesimal to the greatest and supreme. It includes the beings of the animal, vegetable, [fungal] mineral, spiritual and cosmic worlds, in intercommunication with human beings, giving them what is necessary to reanimate their psychological, physical and spiritual facets, thus restoring the energy, life and equilibrium of the original peoples.

In the waterfalls, lagoons, marshes, mountains, rivers, trees and other places of the territory, the Protective Beings of Kawsak Sacha live and they develop a life of their own, similar to that of human beings. The Kawsak Sacha transmits the knowledge to the yachak (wise elders) so that they can interact in the world of the Protective Beings of the jungle, in order to maintain the balance of the Pachamama, heal people and society. This knowledge is methodically maintained and transmitted to new generations.

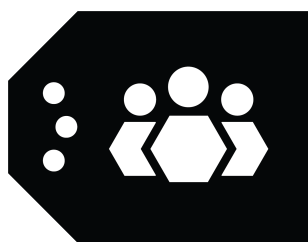
The natural balance of the universe, the harmony of life, the cultural perpetuity, the existence of living beings and the continuity of the Kawsak Sacha, depend on the permanence and transmission of the powers of the Selva Protector Beings. It is also up to these Beings and the yachak to maintain a relationship of respect and balance between human beings and beings of the jungle.

Kawsak Sacha is where Sarayaku kallari rukukuna (ancestors) lived, apayakuna and apamamakuna (grandparents), fathers, mothers, where Sarayaku live, where future generations will live and where the Protector Beings of the jungle and all the original peoples will remain.

Project Links

- <https://kawsaksacha.org/>
- <https://mothrights.org/project/science-across-cultures/>
- <https://www.spun.earth/>
- <https://www.ffungi.org/>

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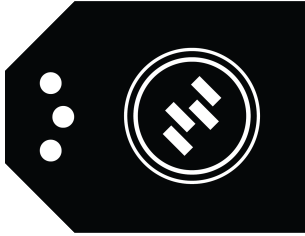


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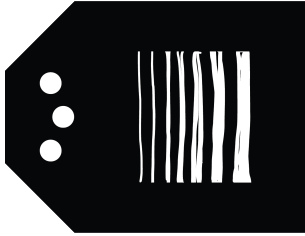


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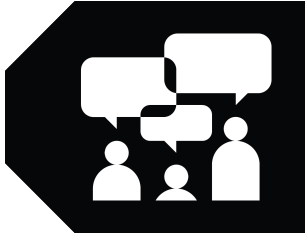
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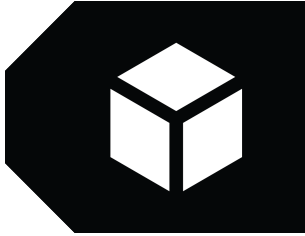
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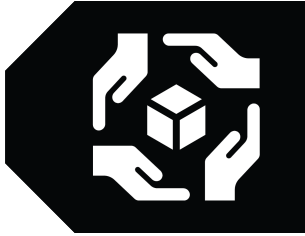


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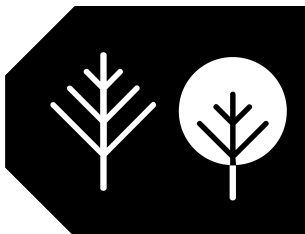


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TK Culturally Sensitive (TK CS) (English)

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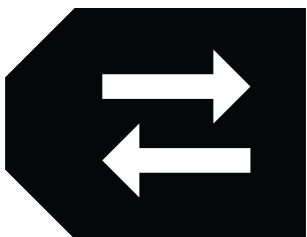


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