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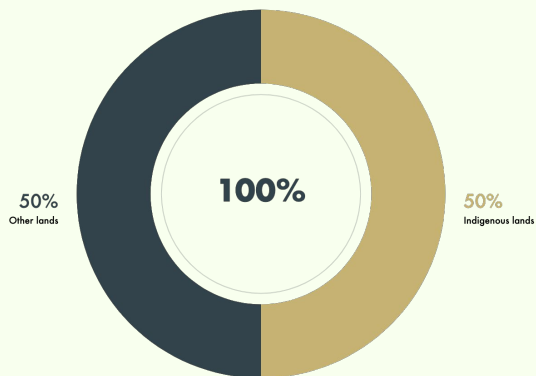
# Conservation and its effect on indigenous communities



# Most People think of conservation in a positive light

However, conservation has disproportionately affected indigenous lands

**Protected areas created by conservationists in the 20th century**





# These areas do not adhere to indigenous rights or standards and cause..



## Displacement

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1 km of forests, pasture, and farmlands taken in Africa

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## No Access to resources

Bans on traditional hunting or farming on land

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## Crop Raiding

Newly introduced animals degrade forests and kill livestock

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## Powerlessness

Indigenous communities feel under control and can't change their circumstances

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## Loss of culture

Groups can't continue traditional practices on land and lose ties to nature

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## Illegality

People are arrested for hunting or living on own land



# Why Should You Care?

This is a **human rights crisis** that is actively depriving indigenous people of their livelihood and communities

Conservation has caused extreme losses, suffering, poverty, malnourishment, and despair

Conservation's effect on indigenous communities also constitutes a major **environmental justice issue**, where people are taken away from their homes and denied access to the environment





What is the proposed  
solution?

**Community-Based  
Conservation**

# What is it?

Community-Based Conservation is when local communities are involved in the decision-making process and physical process of conserving their own lands while often benefitting from compensation and natural resources



Community-Based Conservation is used on a case-by-case basis and varies in local involvement, ownership of land, and if there is tourism allowed

## Pros

- Groups are often granted land titles
- Allowed to use land traditionally
- Can make own decisions for the land
- Compensation used for development

## Cons

- Many times, people aren't actively involved in decisions
- Uneven distribution of benefits between stakeholders and indigenous groups
- Lives are rarely improved, and many communities never benefit financially

# How Are People fighting to achieve Community-Based Conservation?



## Protest

The Jenu Karuba tribe protested to the for the right to live in the forest and take care of the animals



## Go to Court

The Ogiek tribe went to court to go against an eviction notice



## Everyday Activism

People continue banned practices, light fires, destroy resources to show conservationists that they are in control



## Resolutions

Indigenous people fought for the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples



## Complaints

Indigenous Communities have sent formal complaints to the UN and WWF for their protected areas

# What's Happening Now?

**NGOs, the state, and conservationists continue to exert power**

Protected areas are still being erected on indigenous people's land without their consent

**Indigenous people continue to fight back**

Many protests and court cases have happened recently, showing that indigenous people are resisting more than ever



# What can you do?

Educate yourself  
by reading articles  
and listen to  
indigenous voices.

## Get Informed



Before traveling,  
investigate what  
protected areas or  
parks you are going  
to-Who owns this? Who  
is benefitting? Whose  
land is this?

## Support Community-Based Conservation



## Pressure Biden



## Spread the Word



Tell your friends and  
family about all that  
you have learned so  
more people are  
aware.

Biden has made a promise  
to provide tribes with a  
greater role in management  
of public lands. Make sure  
he keeps to his word.

# To learn more check out these links

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conservation



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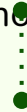
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