



Sarayaku

Fossil Extraction Free
Community



FOSSIL
EXTRACTION
FREE
ZONE



Sarayaku is a Kichwa community and sovereign territory in the Ecuadorian Amazon that successfully resisted plans to extract oil from its land.

After a long struggle on the ground and in courts, Sarayaku's 1,500 inhabitants won the right to stay a Fossil Extraction Free Zone.

A satellite map of Ecuador serves as the background for the infographic. A specific region in the eastern part of the country is highlighted with a yellow outline and labeled "Territorio Sarayaku".

1996

The Ecuadorian state grants a concession for a large portion of Sarayaku territory to the Argentine oil company CGC.

2000

CGC enters the territory by force with a military escort to drill, plant explosives and conduct seismic prospecting. The Sarayaku resist and force the company to abandon their project.

2003

Sarayaku takes the case to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) with a claim against the Ecuadorian State.

2010

IACHR concludes that Ecuador violated (among others) the rights to life, integrity, property and judicial guarantees and issues a series of recommendations to the Ecuadorian state.

Sarayaku's successful efforts to stop oil activities on their lands have kept an estimated

**100
MILLION
BARRELS**

of oil in the ground.

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KAWSAK SACHA, SARAYAKU, LIVING FOREST

**‘CHILDREN OF THE JAGUAR’,
DOCUMENTARY BY THE SARAYAKU,
FOLLOWING THEM TO THE INTER-
AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

TERRITORIES OF LIFE REPORT



Sarayaku
el pueblo del medio día

"Sarayaku is a living land. It is a living jungle. There are trees and medicinal plants and all kinds of beings. All those who want to do harm, do not know what they are doing."

Patricia Gualinga

