Tropical Forests Forever Facility

How TNC is helping advance a critical climate finance effort

Background

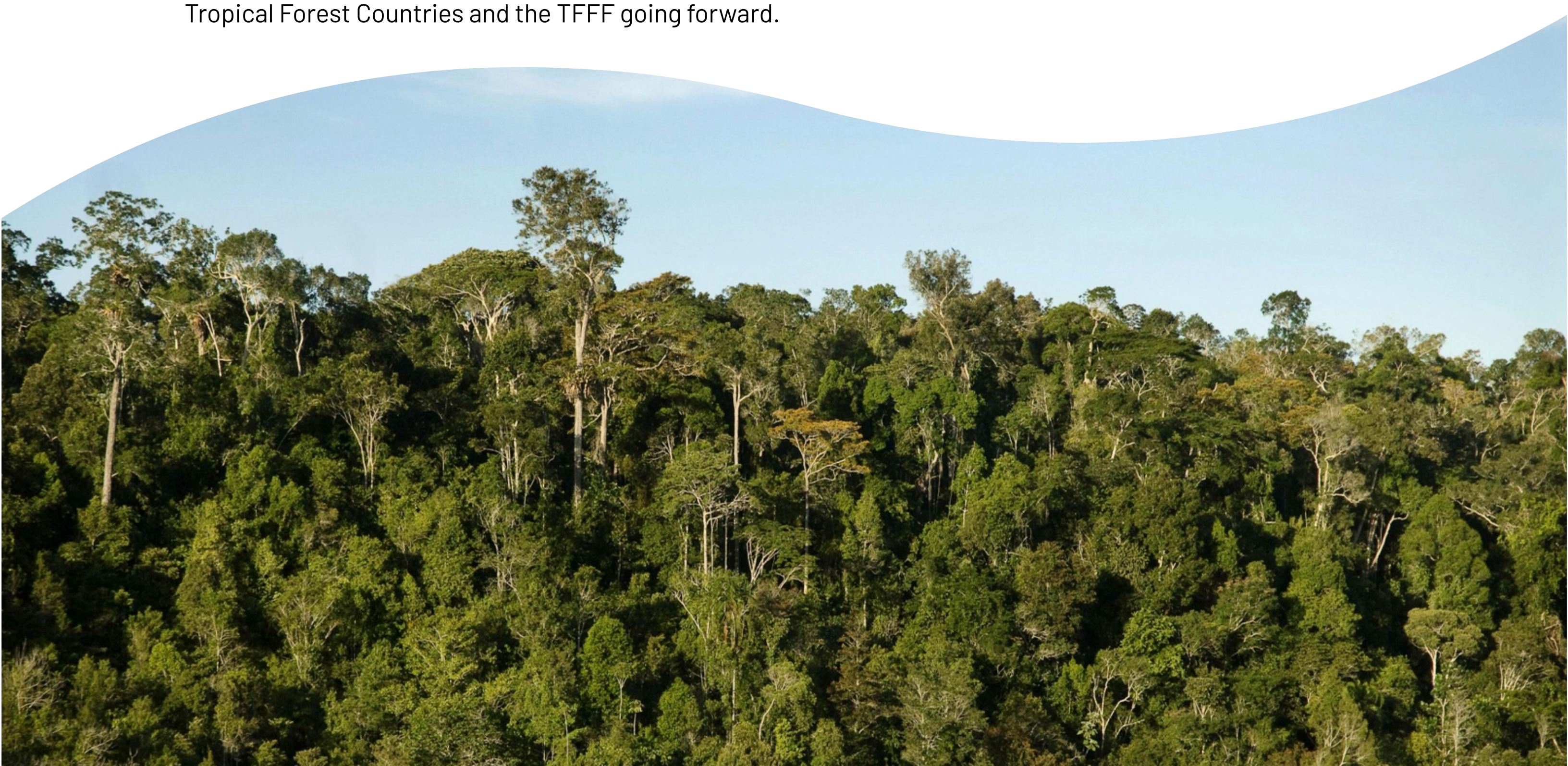
At COP 30 in December 2025 in Belem, the Brazilian Government launched the Tropical Forest Forever Facility (TFFF) — a global initiative with the potential to create large-scale financing for forests and delivering worldwide benefits. The TFFF aims to raise substantial, permanent funding from both private and public sources to support long-term protection and restoration in Tropical Forest Countries. TFFF has also publicly committed to allocating 20% of the finance directly to Indigenous peoples and local communities (IP&LCs).

We know that nature can contribute up to a third of the greenhouse gas emission reductions needed to meet the Paris Agreement target by 2030. We also know only 1-2% of available climate finance is currently directed toward Indigenous Peoples. Therefore, ensuring the integrity of forest ecosystems at a large-scale by working with the people who inhabit them is a powerful tool in our toolbox.

Our Role

TNC is proud to support the TFFF, which seeks to provide long-term, reliable funding for the world's tropical moist forests—critical for addressing global climate change because of the role this ecosystem plays in the carbon cycle. We are committed to helping expand this effort through science and partnership. Led by our Brazil team, TNC has helped advance TFFF and supported the government of Brazil in launching this initiative. Through targeted technical assistance and logistical support, TNC has advocated for rights-based approaches, participatory governance, and direct access to finance for Indigenous Peoples and local communities to be embedded in the TFFF's operational design and implementation at both global and national levels.

This foundation of advocacy and support has created a replicable example for how TNC will support other Tropical Forest Countries and the TFFF going forward.



How We're Supporting TFFF

Investing meaningful institutional resources to the TFFF.

TNC believes in the TFFF model and has committed resources to demonstrate our support. As the world's largest ENGO with decades of experience in innovative nature finance, our goal is to strengthen TFFF's economic viability and direct proceeds to Tropical Forest Countries as well as directly support IP&LCs.

Supporting Tropical Forest Country Eligibility for TFFF.

TNC will help support Tropical Forest Country eligibility for TFFF funding by providing flexible, tailored support related to:

- Monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) protocols for tracking and analyzing deforestation.
- Forest Payment Allocation Plans to identify a portfolio of eligible projects based on analysis of deforestation levels and drivers.
- Preparation for reporting to the Program for Result Fiduciary System Assessments.

Advancing readiness of Tropical Forest Countries to receive TFFF funding.

TNC intends to work with governments, organizations and communities in Tropical Forest Countries to create spending plans based on available TFFF funds on projects that maintain and improve forest cover in their regions.

We will help support governments seeking to ensure they have the necessary mechanisms in place to receive and manage funding. We'll work with them to align climate and nature finance needs and strategies into a single programmatic framework, supported by a mix of mechanisms.

Using Brazil as an example, we will expand our work to build institutional capacity, supporting early-stage operationalization and coherence between institutional design, fiduciary controls, and safeguards requirements.

Facilitating greater and more equitable direct access to TFFF finance for Indigenous and Local Communities.

TNC is working with funders, Indigenous and local community groups, and partners to co-create best practices, safeguards, and proofs of concept to eliminate the barriers Indigenous groups encounter when accessing finance.

We will share lessons from working in countries such as Mongolia and Belize and draw heavily on experience from Brazil in strengthening Indigenous and local community led institutions and territorial funds. Based on this experience, and where there is an invitation, we intend to:

- Contribute to the institutional design and strengthen existing territorial funds that create the right enabling and living conditions for community forest protection and restoration, which includes but it is not limited to IP&LC-led funds.
- Support Indigenous organizations on implementation arrangements.
- Support capacity development in governance, fiduciary management, financial controls accountability and operational planning
- Encourage streamlined funding application processes that minimize institutional layering and actively address the barriers IP&LCs face within existing funding systems. This could include helping IP&LCs set up platforms that are self-governed and enable direct access to funding.

TNC also intends to help increase IP&LC's ability to absorb funding by supporting strong institutions and Indigenous-led, bottom-up planning processes—such as "life plans" or locally defined equivalents.

Clear financial and reporting systems and long-term planning will help scale their work, move funds efficiently, and deliver support directly to communities on the ground. TFFF might provide a means for IP&LC to invest in their day-to-day governance systems that have so effectively protected and stewarded these forests over millennia.

Facilitating learning between country governments and Indigenous organizations.

TNC plans to support design of the IPLC-related programmatic elements of the TFFF and connect Indigenous and local community groups with National Implementation Agencies and the Global Executing Agency, under the guidance of the TFFF IPLC Advisory Council.

We will leverage our close relationships with both IP&LC groups and governments to support the design and oversight of funding and learning between them in Tropical Forest Countries where we are present and have these relationships and an invitation to do so.

TNC acts solely in an informal conservation-related advisory capacity to TFFF and provides demand-driven technical support to strengthen national implementation capacity and ensure alignment with IPLC-DFA operational requirements. TNC does not provide investment, legal, or financial advice, and does not participate in investment decision-making. TNC is not acting as a broker-dealer, placement agent, or investment adviser with respect to TFFF.

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