

Protecting Yasuní: The Waorani People's Fierce Battle for Their Amazon Home

A Film's Message of Resilience, Heritage, and Protecting The Last Eden on Earth

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Santa Monica, California Aug 16, 2023 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - The upcoming premiere of "Waorani" promises an immersive experience that brings to light the resilience, heritage, and bond between humanity and nature. From August 18th to 24th, the Laemmle Monica Film Center will host this captivating documentary, a collaboration between the [Fundación Identidad Nacional](https://www.fundacionidentidadnacional.org/) and acclaimed filmmakers.

Prominent industry figures such as Ridley Scott, winner of the 2000 Oscar for Best Picture with 'Gladiator,' and Adam Leipzig, who made the American version of 'The March of the Penguins', and was awarded the 2006 Oscar for Best Documentary Film, Director Oliver Stone's daughter Tara Stone, and many others have agreed to promulgate the conservation of Ecuador and global ecosystems. Mr. Leipzig was quoted saying "Waorani the film is as poetic as it is powerful. A must-see for everyone who cares about our planet." Director Ridley Scott said, "The Waorani movie is an impressive introspection into the cosmovisión of the Waorani tribe defenders of the last Eden of Earth called Yasuní. The Yasuní drilling carries global hope. This 20th of August reject drilling, protect the most biodiverse territory of our planet, and secure our children's future. Your vote isn't just for Ecuador; it's for the world."

Translated from its original title in the Wao language "Waorani: Guardians of the Amazon" provides a poignant glimpse into the Waorani community's struggle to protect their ancestral lands from corporate and governmental invasion. The film showcases the unyielding determination of women who serve as the community's defenders, standing against forces that threaten their home and their voices. Through these narratives, the documentary highlights the unbreakable connection between human tenacity, cultural heritage, and the natural world. This film and the Fundación Identidad Nacional will also expose the challenges that these communities face for their survival, including the extraction of oil and precious metals, climate change, and the discrimination exploitation of natural resources caused by corpocracy.

Voting #YesToYasuní will help save this sacred land that affects everyone living on the beautiful planet we call home.

Yasuní National Park, nestled in the heart of the Ecuadorian Amazon, is the backdrop for this tale of preservation and courage. The park spans 9,800 square kilometers and is renowned for its biodiversity, housing rare species like poison dart frogs and majestic jaguars. Beyond its ecological value, Yasuní symbolizes the intricate balance that sustains Earth's ecosystems. One square meter in the Yasuní holds the same diversity of insects that the United States and Canada together hold in their land combined.

"Waorani" adeptly portrays the park's ecological and cultural significance. Serving as a carbon sink, Yasuní mitigates climate change while supporting vital ecosystem services. At the same time, the park is home to uncontacted tribes living in voluntary isolation whose struggle to safeguard their heritage and environment is highlighted in the film.

Luis Felipe Fernández-Salvador y Campodónico, the President of Fundación Identidad Nacional, stresses the global importance of preserving the Amazon and Yasuní in particular. He said in front of the EU Parliament, "The world thrives only if the Amazon breathes. Its preservation is a collective global duty." Through "Waorani" and initiatives like the #YesToYasuní movement, Fundación Identidad Nacional empowers the voices of those advocating for the natural wonders of Ecuador. The film

encourages us to stand alongside these courageous indigenous women and protect the planet's diversity and ecosystems.

Join us from August 18th to 24th for an enlightening journey into Yasuní's beauty and the indomitable human spirit. Let's heed the call to preserve our world, as expressed by Luis Felipe: "The Amazon belongs to the world." Through unity and action, we can ensure a sustainable future for generations to come.

To join our mission and social campaign by following [@identidadnacionalorg](https://www.identidadnacional.org/) and #YesToYasuní - <https://www.identidadnacional.org/>



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