

THE CASE STUDIES AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS PRODUCED AND DIFFUSED BY THE EQUATOR INITIATIVE

The Equator Initiative has opened the [Call for nominations to the Equator Prize 2025: *Nature for Climate Action*](#). Nominations will close on 23 February, 2025.

In 2025 the Equator Prize will recognize innovative initiatives that showcase how action on nature, led by Indigenous Peoples and local communities, can provide effective climate solutions, and demonstrate effective pathways to transform our global systems for people and Planet. Winning initiatives will be honoured for their successes in protecting, restoring, and/or sustainably managing nature for nature-positive development outcomes.



The Equator Initiative, promoted by the [United Nations Development Programme](#), brings together the United Nations, governments, civil society, businesses and grassroots organizations to recognize and advance local sustainable development solutions for people, nature and resilient communities.

The Initiative is a multi-sector partnership [that operates with its partners](#) recognizing the success of local and indigenous initiatives; creating opportunities and platforms to share knowledge and good practice; informing policy to foster an enabling environment for local and indigenous community action and developing the capacity of local and indigenous initiatives to scale-up their impact.

One of the key activities of the Initiative is the Equator Prize, awarded to recognize outstanding community efforts to reduce poverty through the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. As sustainable community initiatives take root throughout the tropics, they are laying the foundation for a global movement of local successes that are collectively making a contribution to achieving the [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#).

The winning organizations of the prize demonstrate how innovative, nature-based solutions can enable communities to achieve their local development goals while building community resilience addressing economic, environmental and political challenges. As local and indigenous groups across the tropics demonstrate and exemplify sustainable development, the Equator Prize shines a spotlight on their efforts by celebrating them on an international stage. [In 2024 a network of 296 communities have been recognized since 2002.](#)

Within the Equator Initiative, the *Equator Knowledge* is a research, documentation and learning program focused on local best practice in sustainable development. The Equator Initiative works with its



partners to document and analyse the success factors of local best practice, and to catalyse ongoing peer-to-peer learning, knowledge exchange and replication of their methodologies in other contexts.

This work has allowed the [production and dissemination of a large number of documents in the form of case studies](#), which examine in depth the characteristics of practices identified through the Awards.

The [Publications section of the website](#) contains other documents of great interest produced and disseminated by the Equator Initiative, which delve into specific themes such as the publication [Stories of Resilience: Lessons from Sub-Saharan Drylands Communities](#) and the publication [Making Waves, Community Solutions, Sustainable Oceans](#), each of which collects 15 case studies of ongoing local practices developed in collaboration with the GEF Programme.

All these documents published constitute a precious wealth of information made available by the Equator Initiative to all development actors interested in learning about and replicating the successful methodologies identified through the Initiative in the various continents involved.

To know more

[Equator Initiative – 2025 Call for Nominations](#)

[Equator Initiative website](#)

[Equatorinitiative.org/case-study-database/](https://equatorinitiative.org/case-study-database/)

[Equator Initiative Publications](#)

[Stories of Resilience: Lessons from Sub-Saharan Drylands Communities](#)

[Making Waves, Community Solutions, Sustainable Oceans.pdf](#)

[2022/00Ocean-Revolution-Case-Study-En-r4.pdf](#)

[2022/08/Associacao-Bebo-Case-Study-En-FNL.pdf](#)

[Climate Solutions Community Forests.pdf](#)

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[Nature Based Solutions Database](#)



Equator Initiative Case Studies
Local sustainable development solutions for people, nature, and resilient communities

