Preventing Genocide of the Sapara People
Declaration of oral heritage and cultural manifestations of the Sapara people as Intangible Heritage of Humanity
Inscribed in 2008 (3.COM) on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity

“The Sapara developed in what is one of the most bio-diverse areas in the world and are the last representatives of an ethno-linguistic group that included nearly 39 other Peoples before the Spanish conquest. Four centuries of history, marked by the Spanish conquest, slavery, epidemics, forced conversions, wars and deforestation, have driven the Sapara people to near extinction. ...The current situation of the Sapara people is critical, and today they are in very serious danger of disappearing altogether. In 2001, their population numbered no more than 300 (200 in Ecuador).”
Sapara People

• Hunter Gathers
• Own Cosmovision - Worldview
• Own Language
• Own Culture
• Own Traditional Knowledge Systems
• Own Diet
• Determined to endure as such
OIL EXPLORATION AND EXTRACTION
The 11th Round of Oil Concessions and Indigenous Peoples’ Territories
MAP OF OIL BLOCKS IN SAPARA TERRITORY
### ACUERDOS DE INVERSION SOCIAL-RONDA SURORIENTE ECUADOR

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**A MOCKERY OF FREE, PRIOR, INFORMED CONSENT
SOCIAL INVESTMENT AGREEMENTS- SOUTH EASTERN ECUADOR ROUND**

Source: National Secretary of Hydrocarbons of Ecuador
Precedent of Oil Exploitation causing Genocide
Extermination of the Tetetes and Sansahuari

According to Kerry Kennedy, President of the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights in *Chevron and Cultural Genocide*, “Two nomadic groups that once inhabited the region, the Tetetes and Sansahuari, have been wiped out.”

ANDES
PETROLEUM
OUT of Sápara Territory!
CARBON OFFSETS:

SOCIODESQUUE

Territorial expropriation

which allows for oil extraction and mining
CARTE BLANCHE

Extractive industries are allowed in Socio Bosque including oil drilling and mining.

SOCIOBOSQUE = SUCIOBOSQUE
MAP OF SOCIO BOSQUE PROGRAM IN SAPARA TERRITORY
Socio Bosque - Carbon Offsets
VIOLENCE, TERROR, MIGRATION and MILITARY/PARAMILITARY ENCAMPMENT
Among the provisions of the signed Acta de Compromiso, paragraph e) states:

“The representation of the communities of the Sapara Nation of Ecuador, commits to allowing the development of the necessary activities for the exploration of hydrocarbon Block 79 and its surrounding area.

Not to block nor allow any form of blocking by the communities that he represents.

Facilitate the operation, including the entry and exit of staff that prepare the planning previous to the operation.”

(Unofficial Translation)

Acta de Compromiso. Acuerdo de Inversión Social entre la Secretaria de Hidrocarburos del Ecuador y la Representación de las Comunidades del Área de Influencia del Boque Hidrocarburífero 79. 21 Noviembre 2012
Map of Location of Paramilitary/Military Encampment
Military Ammunitions
found in Sapara Territory August 2016
NOT JUST THE SAPARA PEOPLE ARE THREATENED:

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN VOLUNTARY ISOLATION
MAP OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN VOLUNTARY ISOLATION

Source: Ministry of Justice of Ecuador
TRIPLE GENOCIDE?

• Sapara
• Taromenane
• Tagaeri
Historic and Current Genocide

• Reduction of People to approx. 200
  – Colonialism
  – War
  – Epidemics
  – Slavery during Rubber Boom
  – Forced Conversions
  – Past Oil Activity—Shell
  – Human Rights Violations and Failure to Protect

• Oil Concessions

• Oil-related Violence and Terror
  – Contract for “social control”

• Paramilitary Encampment

• Carbon Offsets – Territorial expropriation, which allows for more oil exploitation and mining

• Racist Persecution, Criminalization and Teargassing and Destruction of Office and Home of Leaders

• Collective and Individual Rights Violations and Failure to Protect
Formal Request to Office of Prevention of Genocide and R2P
**Required Action**

In light of the escalation of the threats, the militarization and the lack of effective remedies, it is urgent that the UN and the international community not fail to act to safeguard the survival of the Sapara People and the Indigenous Peoples in Voluntary Isolation. In this regard, all the mechanisms to prevent genocide as well as the Special Advisers on Genocide and the Responsibility to Protect and the Human Rights Upfront Initiative must be immediately engaged.

In addition, the government of Ecuador must:

1. Immediately and permanently cancel all oil concessions in Sapara territory and the territory of the Indigenous Peoples in Voluntary Isolation;

2. Ensure the military/paramilitary encampment is removed and that there is no further military/paramilitary activity or militarization in Sapara territory nor in the territories of the Indigenous Peoples in Voluntary Isolation;

3. Stop all formal and illicit natural resource exploration, exploitation and extraction and colonization in Sapara territory and the territory of the Indigenous Peoples in Voluntary Isolation;

4. Immediately and permanently cancel the Socio Project project in Sapara territory and not use the territories of Indigenous Peoples in Voluntary Isolation for carbon credits.

5. Fully implement the collective and individual rights of the Sapara People and Indigenous Peoples in Voluntary Isolation enshrined in national and international law including allocating the necessary budget for their implementation, as indicated by the Sapara People themselves through their legitimate organizations such as the Sapara Women’s Association Ashiñwaka.