

## What is LandMark?

LandMark is the first online, interactive global platform to provide maps and other critical information on lands that are collectively held and used by Indigenous Peoples and local communities. The global platform is designed to help Indigenous Peoples and communities protect their land rights and secure tenure over their lands.

## Why was LandMark Developed?

LandMark was developed to fill a critical gap in information on indigenous and community land rights. In the absence of existing publicly available information, many indigenous and community lands are invisible and therefore vulnerable. Transparency reduces the likelihood that irregular acquisitions and expropriations go unnoticed, and shines a light on the vulnerability of indigenous and community lands.

## What information is on LandMark?

LandMark currently provides information at two scales—community level and national level—allowing users to compare the land tenure situation across countries and within countries.

Community level data include the boundaries of lands held or used by Indigenous Peoples and communities, including lands that are formally recognized by government and those that are held under customary tenure arrangements. Clicking on the boundaries in the interactive map provides additional information about the lands.

National level data provide two categories of information for a country:

- The amount of land held or used by Indigenous Peoples and communities as a percentage of the country's total land area, and
- A snapshot of the legal security of indigenous and community lands based on a review of national land and resource rights laws for each country.



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## Who could use LandMark?

LandMark is designed for a variety of users:

- Indigenous Peoples, communities and civil society organizations can use LandMark to build a global picture of their populations and lands, supporting their engagement with one another and increasing their visibility to governments and other actors.
- National governments can use the platform to better recognize indigenous and community land rights, enabling public officials to compare the situation in their country with that in other

countries and encourage action based on the examples of other nations.

- Companies and private investors can use the information on LandMark to better understand the land rights situation in a particular country and respect the rights of Indigenous Peoples and communities.
- Development assistance agencies can use LandMark to better target their financial support and other resources by identifying countries and regions in which indigenous and community lands are insecure and under threat.



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## Who is involved in LandMark?

LandMark involves many collaborators from around the world, including the Steering Group, Operational Team, Supporters and Data Providers.

- The Steering Group was established in 2013 to guide and advise on the development and management of LandMark. The Steering Group is made up of 13 leading land rights organizations from around the world.
- The Operational Team, co-led by the Instituto del Bien Común, The World Atlas of Indigenous Peoples' Territories, Liz Alden Wily, and The World Resources Institute, is responsible for the development of the platform, with regular consultation from the Steering Group.
- Several organizations have supported LandMark with financial resources and other assistance and are recognized on the platform.
- Many individuals and organizations have provided the data and information displayed on LandMark. LandMark provides the sources of all information on the platform.

For additional information, please contact the Operational Team at [info@landmarkmap.org](mailto:info@landmarkmap.org)

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