

"Right now, this is an avant-garde project.

Ten years from now projects like this will be the rule, not the exception."

- Maria Espinosa, Minister of Heritage

YASUNÍ – TWO SECONDS OF LIFE

Documentary (Ecuador, USA, Austria 2010)

Director: Leonardo Wild

SHORT SYNOPSIS

Yasuní – two seconds of life is about Ecuador's President Rafael Correa's unique suggestion to leave the oil found in Yasuní national park "in the ground" and protect the rainforest. In return, the industrialized countries are expected to pay for the preservation of the planet's "green lungs": in fact half of the price Ecuador would receive for the oil. This money will then be used to finance sustainable energy projects. Moreover, it will be used for the protection of the rainforest which holds the world's greatest bio-diversity as well as for the indigenous peoples living in the Yasuní-ITT block.

The documentary sheds light on this exceptional offer to the world community and lets every party involved have a say, be it politicians, scientists, representatives of oil companies or indigenous people. This extensive, partly disturbing picture is rounded out by a musical journey through Ecuador.



OUR AIM: WE'RE LOOKING FOR SUPPORTERS!

The clock is ticking. Ecuador presented its offer to the world already in 2007. Until the end of 2011 the industrialized countries have time to react. In light of the fact that the destruction of our planet has already advanced way too far and many people do not want to support this any more, it is high time to raise more awareness for the necessary change in energy politics and spread our message so that even politicians will hear it. We want to do our part and by distributing this film initiate a ubiquitous discussion of this topic. Climate change concerns every one of us – if we act now, we can save the last existing rainforests from more destruction.



European countries have so far been utterly restrained concerning support for the Yasuní-ITT initiative. In September 2010 Germany withdrew its concrete commitment of 60 million Dollars per year over 13 years, thus jeopardizing the whole initiative. Currently, Spain and Chile as well as some private sponsors have promised financial support. However, this is merely a start. Only public pressure can incite our politicians to a more courageous act. Please, help us, spread our message – be it by organizing film screenings, writing about it on your blog or social media sites, or support our work by donating some money. Currently, we urgently need money to finance film copies and festival fees.

Thank you so much for your support!

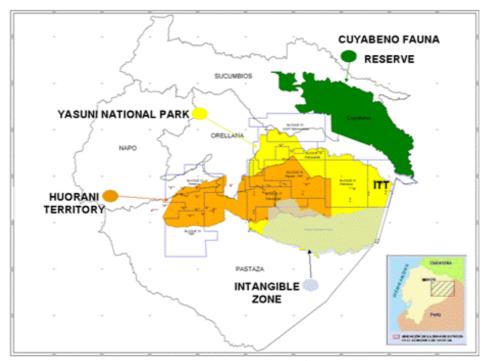
If you have any questions or ideas, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to hearing from you!

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And finally, some... ***INTERESTING FACTS***

Location of Yasuní national park:



Courtesy: Alberto Acosta, Minister of Energy & Mines, Eduador. "Yasuni, forjando el camino hacia lo imposible. Dejar el crudo en el subsuelo." University of Maryland video conference, May 23, 2007.

Surface: 982.000 hectare

Oil in place: 847 million barrel Value of this oil: 7,2 billion dollars

Asked service in return: 3,6 billion dollars over 13 years

Indigenous peoples living in this area: Waorani, Tagaeri, Taromenane

Bio-diversity: more than 2.250 species of trees and bushes, 600 bird species, 80 bat species, 150 amphibian species, 120 reptile species und an estimated 100.000 insect species. A great number of these animals and plants can only be found in this extraordinary habitat.

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