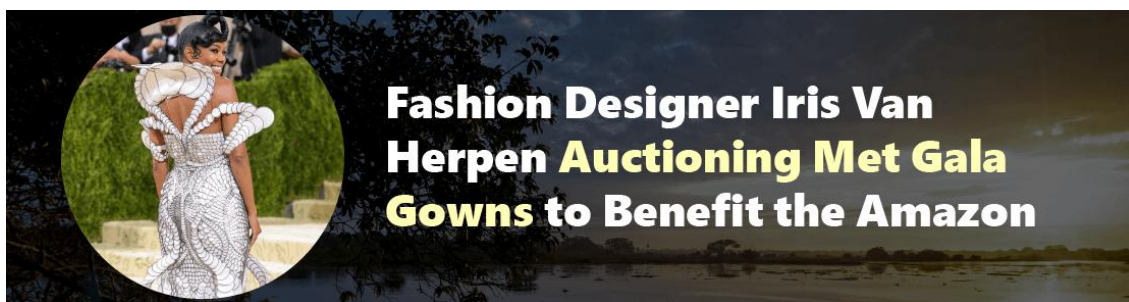


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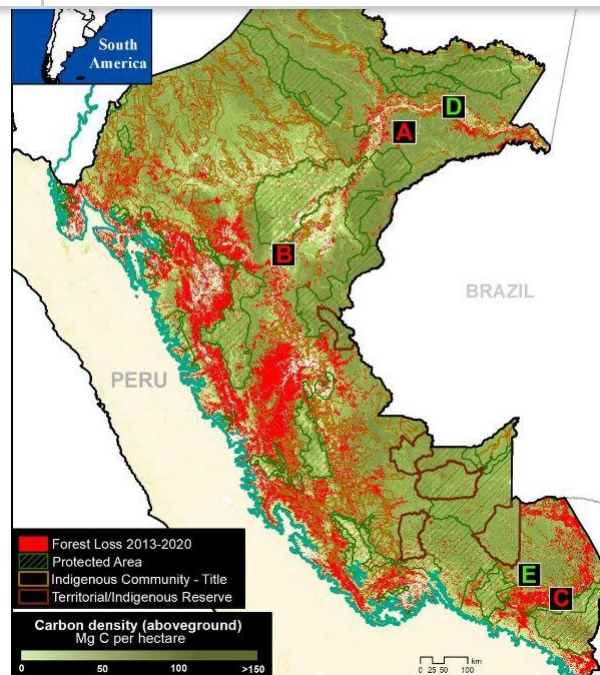
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Fashion Designer Iris Van Herpen Auctioning Custom Met Gala Gowns to Benefit the Amazon

This year's Met Gala saw two incredible dresses that will help protect the world's largest rainforest. Starting this month, **Dutch fashion designer Iris van Herpen will soon auction the Met Gala gowns** she designed for singer-songwriter Grimes and actress Gabrielle Union with Sotheby's, and all proceeds raised will benefit the Amazon via our organization and Rainforest Trust. A lifelong admirer of nature, it is no surprise that Iris Van Herpen draws inspiration from the natural world in a style known as "biomimicry". This **concept looks to implement nature's intelligence into design** and invites the viewer to look closely into natural transformations. She credits this interest to her upbringing in the "Land of the Rivers" in the....

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MAAP #148: Carbon Loss & Protection In The Peruvian Amazon

Tropical forests store massive amounts of carbon. However, **when these forests are cleared (and often subsequently burned), the stored carbon is released into the atmosphere, further driving global climate change.** The Amazon is the world's largest tropical forest, with Peru forming the second-largest piece, directly to the west of Brazil (the largest).

The Peruvian Amazon is unique in having a high-resolution estimate of aboveground carbon dating back to 2013 (Asner et al 2014). Here, we analyze this dataset in relation to recent deforestation data (see Base Map), seeking to identify the major carbon-related trends between 2013 and 2020. Our key findings include:

- We **estimate the loss of over 100 million metric tons of carbon** (101,498,000 MgC) in the Peruvian Amazon between 2013 and 2020, mostly due to deforestation from agriculture and mining.
- In contrast, we estimate that **protected areas and indigenous lands have safeguarded 3.2 billion metric tons of carbon** (56% and 44%, respectively) in the Peruvian Amazon between 2013 and 2020...

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Stock Monday: A smarter way to support Amazon Conservation

As you already know, tomorrow is #GivingTuesday, one of the most important days of the year for Amazon Conservation and our work to unite science, innovation, and people to protect the Amazon – the greatest wild forest on Earth.

This year, we are looking to raise \$750,000 to protect wild places, empower local people and put science and technology to work for conservation. Your contribution will help us expand our work to support strategies for adapting and building resilience to climate change for local communities, wildlife, and forests across the Amazon region.

But today is Stock Monday, and we want to share a way that many of our dedicated supporters, like you, are making the most of their end-of-year donations. **Did you know that donating stock is one of the easiest and smartest ways to give** — and it benefits you while supporting Amazon Conservation?

Here's why:

- **You can save on taxes:** When you donate your appreciated assets, you avoid paying capital gains tax. If you itemize deductions, you can also take a charitable deduction for the entire donation amount.
- **Now is the perfect time to donate:** For your gift to be eligible for your 2021 tax return, please remember to give by December 31, 2021.

If you do not plan to donate stock, there are numerous other ways to give, including [online](#), check, QCDs and [PayPal](#). Find out more information [here](#), or [email us](#) with any questions.



Preserving Indigenous Amazonian Cultural Heritage Through Art

During the first week of November, **the best of Peru's indigenous Amazonian crafts** were showcased at the most important art exposition in the country. The National Indigenous Art Fair is an important commercial platform for indigenous artisans from the Peruvian Amazon, and this event brought together **25 Peruvian artists and the best works from the 9 indigenous groups they represent.**

The Peruvian Ministry of Foreign Trade and Tourism selected four artisans from Madre de Dios to participate, including two from Infierno, an indigenous Amazonian Community our on-the-ground sister organization in Peru, [Conservación Amazónica –ACCA](#) directly works with. Signature artwork from the Infierno community include ceramics and textile art, as well as fabrics in *tamshi*, a plant fiber derived from a set of hemi-epiphytic plants that grow among the treetops in Amazonian forests. The use of *tamshi* is **renowned for being part of the nation's cultural heritage as its use preserves the legacy of the Peruvian Amazon's ancestral techniques.** A very...

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Technological Training Day at Los Amigos Unites Rangers and Satellite Specialists to Improve Protection of the Amazon

As part of the 20th anniversary celebration of the Los Amigos Conservation Concession in mid-July, our Los Amigos Biological Station hosted a **Technological Knowledge Exchange Workshop to enhance protection systems for the 360,000-acre Los Amigos Conservation Concession**. This exceptional event, powered by mutual learning between technology experts, conservationists, and forest park rangers, focused on the development and application of different surveillance strategies to protect the Los Amigos forests from forest crimes such as illegal deforestation, logging, and gold mining.

At this workshop, **Los Amigos's Forest Rangers, who regularly go on multi-day excursions deep into the Amazon to monitor the concession, met with the Satellite Monitoring team** that operates from Peru's capital city of Lima, to create a holistic strategy that more effectively organizes each of their communications. They also increased planning coordination, reporting and feedback tasks, as well as protection and monitoring actions...

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