



Josefina Tunki, the first female president of the Shuar Arutam Peoples (PSHA), stands with other Shuar women from the PSHA and other Indigenous organizations in Ecuador in front of the Ministry of the Environment during a protest against Solaris Resources and a new mining decree in the country. Source: CGPSHA

Highlights of 2021

International campaigns – Holding government and industry accountable for mining abuses abroad

Mapping the costs of mining for the energy transition in the Americas

In 2021, in collaboration with the Environmental Justice Atlas, we coordinated with over 30 communities and organizations across the Americas to document the social and environmental costs of mining for energy transition metals such as cobalt, lithium, and graphite. We presented the findings of 25 case studies from nine countries (Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Panama, Mexico, USA, and Canada) in an online feature map and accompanying report, showing that the ‘green’ mining boom is rapidly expanding into culturally and ecologically sensitive areas.

Seeking justice for environmental defenders in Mexico

MiningWatch helped file a complaint in 2018 with the Office of the Public Sector Integrity Commissioner, urging an investigation into whether the Canadian embassy endangered the life of murdered Mexican environmental defender Mariano Abarca by lobbying on behalf of Blackfire Exploration. In November 2021, after a series of rulings refused to

investigate the actions and omissions of the embassy, we took the case to the Federal Court of Appeals. We published an op-ed in the Hill Times about the need for government accountability as it facilitates Canadian business interests abroad, amplified the family’s demands, and facilitated a space where Abarca’s family and supporters in Mexico could observe the court proceedings in Canada.

Advocating for consultations free from violence in Guatemala

After a Xinka representative to the State-organized consultation on the Escobal mine was shot in January 2021, we called on the Canadian Embassy to condemn the attacks. We coordinated a sign-on letter endorsed by 195 international organizations, demanding an investigation and an end to Pan American Silver’s interference in the area. In May, on the eve of the company’s shareholder meeting, we brought together voices from Guatemala, Ecuador, and Mexico in an online forum to share about Pan American Silver’s legacy of harm and environmental destruction.

Protecting the Andes

In 2021, we advocated alongside the Committee for the Defence of Water and the Páramo of Santurbán (Colombia) against a multi-million-dollar international arbitration suit filed by Eco Oro Minerals Corp. against the State of Colombia. We participated in the Regional Consultation for the Americas on International Investment Agreements and Human Rights, in an effort to support the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights in its upcoming report to the UN General Assembly on negotiating international investment agreements that are compatible with human rights.

We collaborated with Savia Roja in Ecuador and CORAMBIENTE in Colombia on a series of agroecology workshops for rural and Indigenous women producers, highlighting the important role that women agricultural producers play in maintaining biodiversity as an alternative to harmful industrial mining.

We urged Dundee Metals to respect the results of a referendum in Cuenca where 80% of the population voted to ban industrial mining in

the nearby watersheds, and called on the company to cease its attempts to undermine local decision-making processes as it pushes forward its Loma Larga project. We filed an Access to Information request and appeal to obtain the mine's Environmental Impact Assessment and raised funds to contract an external expert evaluation.

Preventing mining of the deep seabed

In September 2021, Canada's DeepGreen rebranded itself as The Metals Company as it became public to raise the capital needed to begin deep sea mining. We raised concerns in letters to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, about TMC's claims, forcing the company to revise its S4 filings repeatedly to more accurately reflect environmental, social, and governance risks. Together with Oceans North, MiningWatch prepared an open letter to six ministers that was endorsed by 17 major Canadian conservation and Indigenous organizations, and a parliamentary petition calling on Canada to support a moratorium on deep seabed mining.

Regulatory effectiveness – Strengthening laws that uphold environmental, social and economic standards

Advancing mandatory human rights due diligence mechanisms in Canada

In 2021, we supported the Canadian Network on Corporate Accountability (CNCA) in drafting model mandatory Human Rights and Environmental Due Diligence (mhREDD) legislation – legislation which would require Canadian companies to identify, prevent, and report on the risks to human rights and the environment throughout global supply chains and grant greater access to Canadian courts for global victims harmed by their operations. We gathered partner support for the model legislation and crafted case studies in anticipation of the launch of a private member's bill in 2022.

Modernizing mining laws in British Columbia

As part of the BC Mining Law Reform Network (BCMLR), we released a report highlighting the ways British Columbia is failing to meet the Indigenous consent standard for mining. In October, we coordinated a joint response in support of the Gitxaá'la Nation's first-of-its-kind legal action against BC's "free entry" mineral claim staking regime and urged the B.C. government to modernize the Mineral Tenure Act. In November, we led the coordination of an open letter signed by international investors managing some \$1.1 trillion in assets, urging faster progress on Indigenous consent and mining reform in British Columbia.

Movement building and community support – Working in solidarity to effect change

Holding Canadian mining companies to account for water contamination in Brazil

Following a March 2021 breach at Equinox Gold's Aurizona mine, we provided funds for independent water monitoring. At the request of the Brazilian Movement of People Affected by Dams (MAB), we delivered a joint letter signed by over 60 organizations to Equinox Gold, urging the company to address ongoing issues related to a lack of consistent access to potable water for affected communities. Meanwhile, Canadian company Belo Sun continued its efforts to advance its Volta Grande project on the Xingu River. We co-drafted a letter of concern to the Ontario Securities Commission, calling attention to Belo Sun's repeated attempts to

Protecting touristic and ecological areas from mining in Quebec

We supported the Regroupement de protection des lacs de la Petite-Nation (RPLPN) – a group that represents over 1,000 landowners in the Laurentians – in raising public awareness about the graphite mining boom in this region and emphasising community demands that the Quebec government protect touristic and ecological areas from mining. In December, we supported RPLPN in announcing that all 25 municipalities of the Papineau Regional County passed resolutions against mining development in tourist and recreational areas.

Saving eight Quebec lakes from being destroyed by mine waste

Much to the satisfaction of the many organizations that participated in the public environmental review and hearings in the fall of 2020, the BAPE environmental review panel recommended to the Quebec government that it withhold authorization of Champion Iron's expansion permit for its Lac Bloom iron mine until the company reviews its mining plan and proposes alternative solutions to avoid dumping mine waste into the eight lakes and destroying them. MiningWatch coordinated the public response to this major victory for grassroots organizing.

downplay the socio-environmental, legal, and financial risks of the project.

Increasing access to technical services to prevent negative mining impacts

We continued to work on the development of the Find An Independent Mining Expert (FAIME) database, which aims to provide an inventory of global experts available to be hired to support communities and organizations affected by mining. In 2021, the Advisory Committee and the Management Committee were formally established to further FAIME's mission, vision, and development, including the completion of an Information Guide.

Denouncing human rights abuses in Ecuador

In August, we drafted a letter signed by 136 Ecuadorian and Canadian organizations to Sylvie Bédard, Canada's Ambassador to Ecuador, asking her to publicly denounce death threats made by an employee at Solaris Resources against the Shuar Arutam Peoples (PSHA) President Josefina Tunki and her colleagues, and other human rights abuses committed by the company.

Advocating for Canada's duty to protect human rights in the Philippines

In February 2021, a parliamentary petition that MiningWatch drafted together with the International Committee on Human Rights in the Philippines-Canada was tabled, calling on Canada to halt financial support to the Philippines that is being used to oppress environmental and human rights defenders, including those opposing OceanaGold. The petition also called on the government to mandate the Canadian

Communications & advocacy – Getting the word out, reinforcing credibility, ensuring relevance

Understanding the mining sector's response to the COVID-19 pandemic

In 2021, MiningWatch implemented the COVID-19/Mining Nexus: Global Allies Monitoring Group Project as part of a global coordination involving dozens of organisations and affected communities to expose how the mining industry, with the support of governments and other powerful actors, has taken advantage of COVID-19 to expand mining and roll back protections for human rights and the environment. WoMin African Gender and Extractives Alliance, the Alliance for Environment and Community Rights (Asia-Pacific), and TerraJusta (Latin America) hosted the regional coordination. The project unveiled the potential for conducting well-orchestrated advocacy campaigns as a global coalition and provided support by giving local and national groups the opportunity to advance their research agendas and thereby strengthen local and national level advocacy.

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embassy to uphold its duty to protect human rights defenders and grant the Canadian Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise the powers to investigate allegations of abuse. In May, we testified before the House of Commons Subcommittee on International Human Rights and provided a brief on the current situation in the Philippines.

Critiquing Barrick Gold's expansion plans at its Pueblo Viejo mine in the Dominican Republic

In August 2021, when the Dominican government announced plans to hire a third-party contractor to conduct the environmental review for Barrick Gold's proposed expansion at its Pueblo Viejo gold mine, we sounded the alarm that such a move was illegal and a conflict of interest. In October, we joined 44 organizations from 17 countries in sending a letter to the relevant Dominican government ministries, expressing solidarity with local communities and calling on the government to halt the expansion.

Elevating accountability to improve the safety of tailings facilities in the mining industry

In early 2021, we helped coordinate the drafting and signing of a letter urging the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to establish a credible, transparent, well-resourced, independent agency to implement and enforce safe tailings disposal practices and regulations worldwide. The letter was co-signed by 15 regional, national, and international organizations representing a subset of the 150 signatories of the Safety First Guidelines. UNEP responded favourably and invited one civil society delegate (along with one Indigenous and one labour representative) to participate in the development of the new agency.

Members in 2021

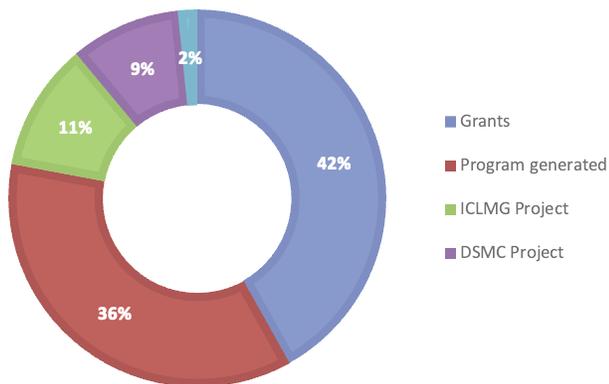
1. Alternatives North
2. Bathurst Sustainable Development
3. Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA)
4. Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS)
5. Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE)
6. Development and Peace
7. Friends of the Earth Canada
8. Friends of the Stikine Society
9. Innu Nation
10. Inter Pares
11. Kairos - Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives
12. Mixedwood Forest Society
13. Nature Canada
14. Northwatch
15. Ontario Public Service Employees Union) Social Justice Fund
16. Polaris Institute
17. Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC)
18. Quebec Native Women
19. Rivers Without Borders
20. Sierra Club of Canada
21. Steelworkers Humanity Fund
22. Unifor Social Justice Fund
23. United Church of Canada
24. Watershed Sentinel Educational Society
25. Yukon Conservation Society (YCS)

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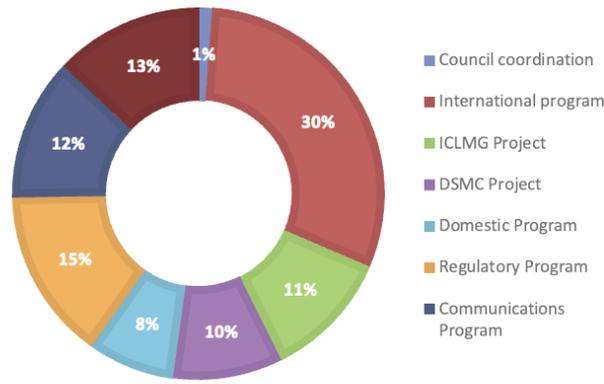
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2021

	2021	2020
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 398,293	\$ 664,899
Short-term investments	118,298	118,062
Accounts receivable	91,030	63,189
Due from Canary Research Institute	131,903	79,393
Prepaid expenses	13,084	2,198
	752,608	927,741
CAPITAL ASSETS		
	1,029	1,345
	\$ 753,637	\$ 929,086
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 32,675	\$ 165,473
Government remittances payable	10,467	10,882
Deferred revenue	383,083	440,781
	426,225	617,136
NET ASSETS		
Reserve fund - internally restricted	207,000	202,000
Legal fund - internally restricted	25,000	25,000
Unrestricted net assets	95,412	84,950
	327,412	311,950
	\$ 753,637	\$ 929,086

**TOTAL REVENUE
\$1,071,128**



**TOTAL EXPENSE
\$1,055,666**



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