



Territories of Life, Governance & Equity

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A photograph of a dense, green forest with a dirt path leading through it. The path is in the foreground, and the forest extends into the distance. The sky is visible at the top, showing a clear blue color. The overall scene is bright and natural.

Up to

80%

**of the world's remaining
biodiversity is found within
the collective territories and
lands of Indigenous peoples
and local communities**

A photograph of a person climbing a tree in a dense forest. The person is shirtless and wearing dark shorts, positioned on a thick branch. The background is filled with lush green foliage and tree trunks, creating a sense of being deep within a natural environment. The text is overlaid on the image in white, bold font, with each line in a separate semi-transparent black box.

**Our collective territories
are the basis of our**

Worldviews, cultures & languages

**Customary laws &
governance systems**

Food, water & energy sovereignty

Livelihoods & wellbeing



Our collective actions

Safeguard watersheds

A woman wearing a blue cap, a red headscarf, and a striped long-sleeved shirt is sitting on a large, dark mangrove root. She is barefoot and has a woven basket on her back. The background is a dense mangrove forest with many thin tree trunks and a complex network of roots. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image in white, bold font.

Our collective actions

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**Protect and restore
sensitive ecosystems**

A woman with dark skin and glasses is in a field of sorghum plants. She is holding a large green leaf in front of her mouth and a seed head in her hand. The background shows other sorghum plants and a person in a blue shirt. The text is overlaid on the image in four horizontal bars.

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sensitive ecosystems**

Provide healthy food



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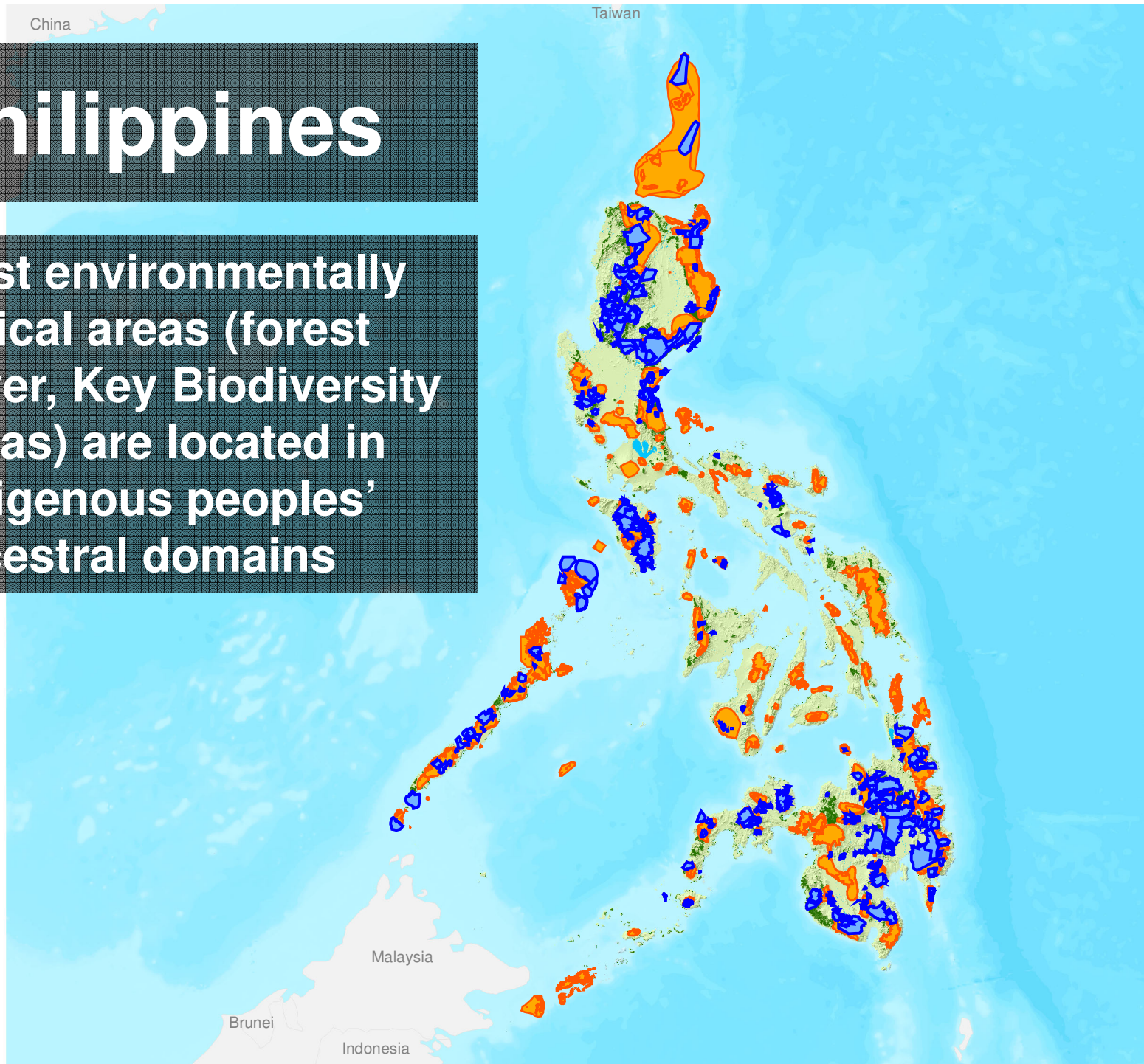
**Protect and restore
sensitive ecosystems**

Provide healthy food

Care for endangered species

Philippines

Most environmentally critical areas (forest cover, Key Biodiversity Areas) are located in Indigenous peoples' ancestral domains



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3 Contributes to nature and wellbeing through these decisions and efforts, regardless of intention or motivation

We speak of “ICCA’s” or

**Territories
of Life**

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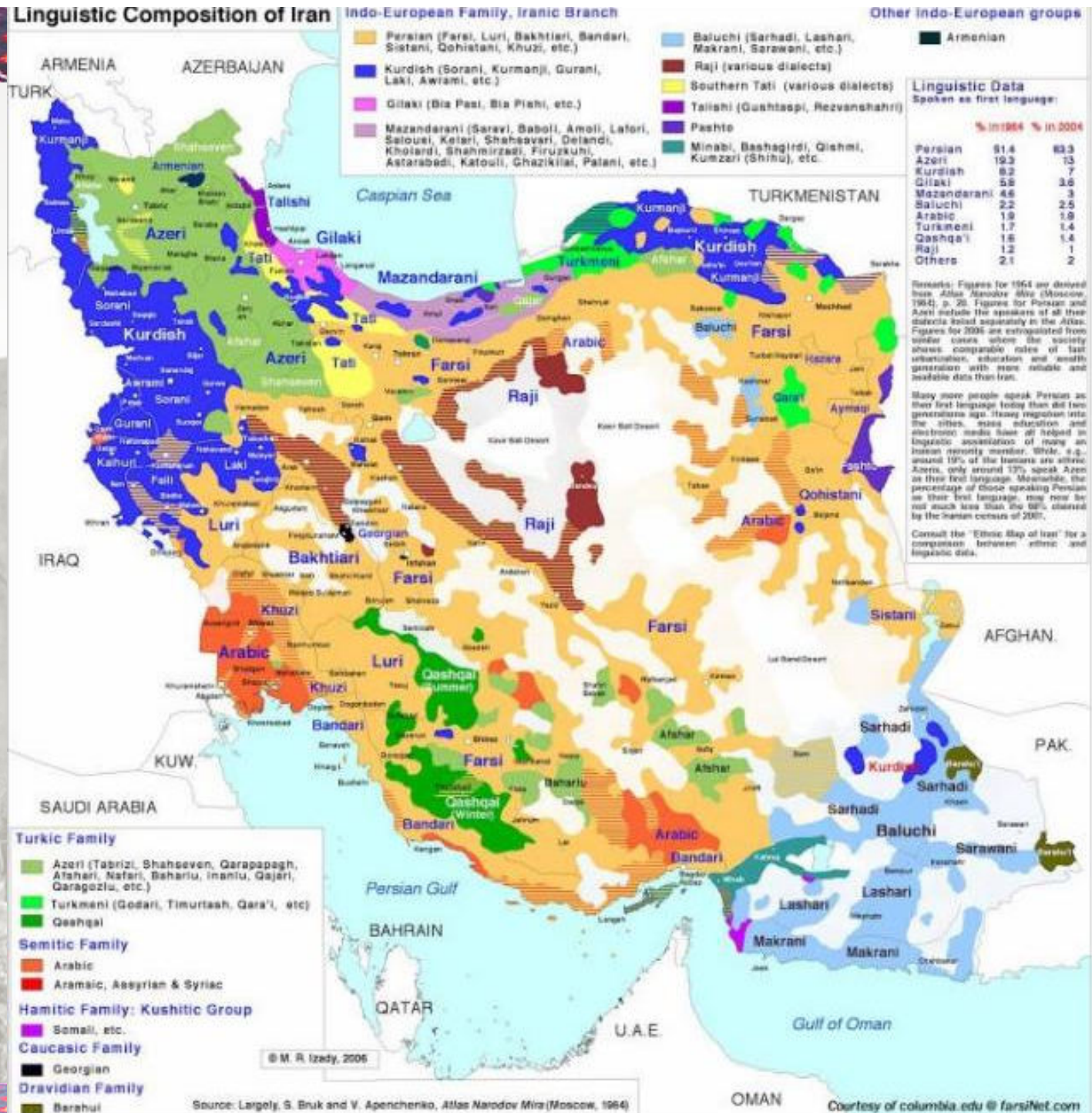
A group of people, including women and a man, are standing outdoors in a natural setting. They are wearing traditional, colorful clothing, primarily blue with intricate patterns and designs. The background shows a clear blue sky and some rocky terrain. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, bold font.

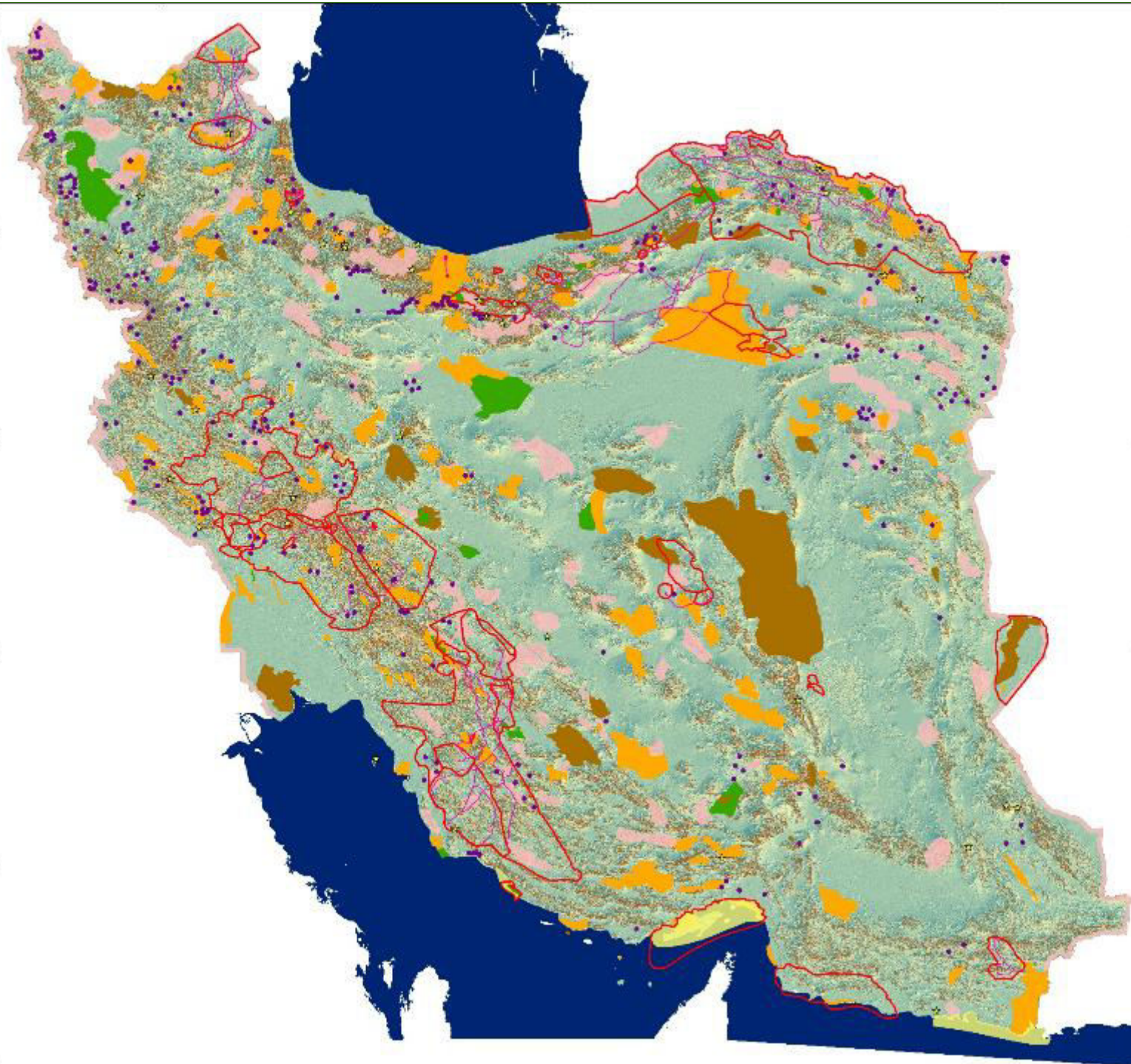
**If you care about
nature and biodiversity,**

**we are your
biggest allies**

Iran

Ethno-linguistic Diversity of Iran













What needs to be done? By whom?



We are active and committed.

We are strengthening our own communities at the local level, working in solidarity with allies and advocating for appropriate recognition and support at national, regional and international levels.

A group of people, including children, are gathered around a table, looking at a large map or document. The map shows a coastline with several arrows pointing towards the land. The people are dressed in casual clothing, and the scene appears to be an educational or community meeting.

Governments:

Implement existing laws and commitments in support of ICCAs – Territories of Life and reform those that don't.

We need collective security of our territories and self-determined governance systems.

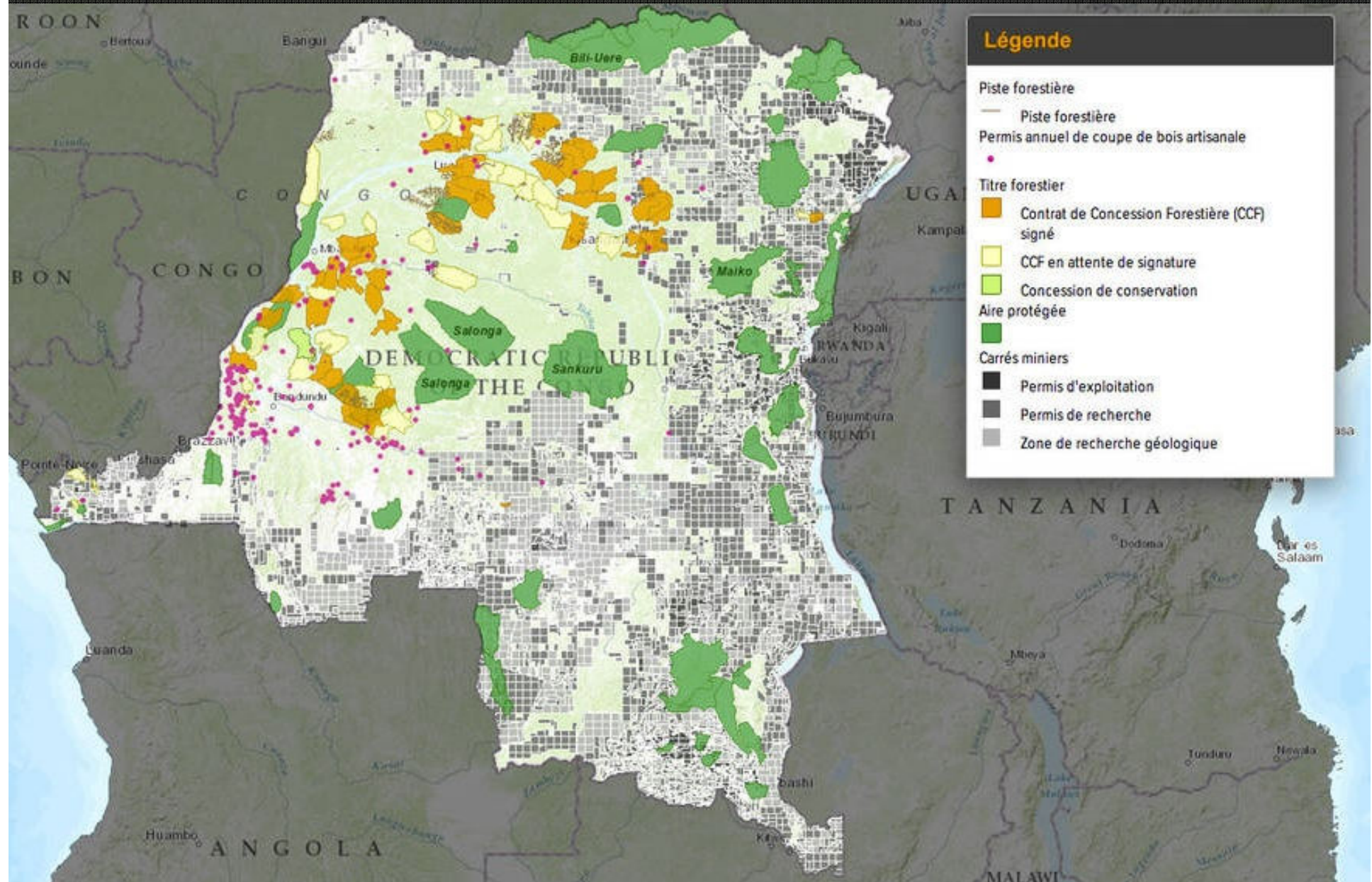
Conservation actors:

**Respect us as
the original
conservationists.**

**Conservation in
our territories
must be on our
terms.**



Democratic Republic of Congo



Opportunities in DRC:

Community Forestry Law (2014)

Network of protected areas

Close collaboration between the Congolese Wildlife Authority (ICCN) and Indigenous peoples' and local communities' structures

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A photograph of two men shaking hands in a wetland area. The man on the left is wearing a colorful, patterned short-sleeved shirt and brown trousers. The man on the right is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt with yellow trim and white trousers. They are standing in front of a body of water with tall grasses and a small boat in the background. The text is overlaid on a dark, semi-transparent rectangular area at the bottom of the image.

**The ICCA Consortium is proud
to join the partnership for
achieving Aichi Target 11 ...
on certain terms!**

Target 11 is not just about spatial coverage of protected & conserved areas

It cannot be achieved without its qualitative elements and other CBD COP decisions on governance, participation, equity and benefit-sharing

A photograph of three women in a rural setting, each carrying a large, heavy bundle of harvested grass or hay on their heads. They are walking across a grassy field. The woman on the left is wearing a light-colored top and dark pants. The woman in the middle is wearing a red patterned dress. The woman on the right is wearing a dark top and a dark patterned skirt, and is looking towards the camera. The background shows a line of trees under a bright sky.

If our Territories of Life (ICCAs) are “counted” towards Target 11, whether as protected areas or conserved areas (OECMs):

It must be on the basis of self-identification of our territories and respect for our governance systems

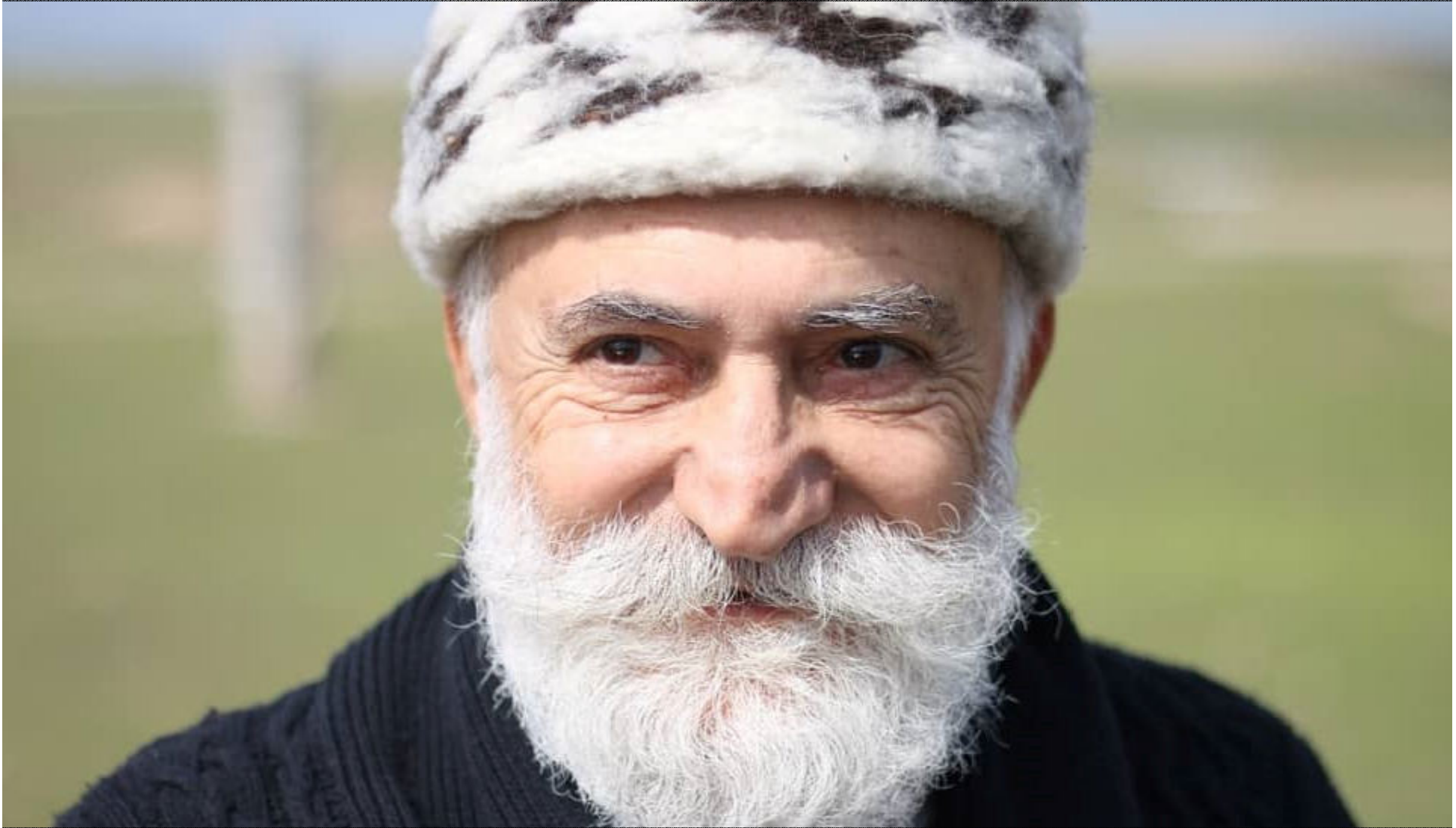
It must be subject to our free, prior and informed consent

There should be counterpart support to strengthen and secure our Territories of Life on our terms

As a member-based association, the ICCA Consortium looks forward to engaging with the Target 11 Partnership on a country-by-country basis, on fair and equitable terms and in pursuit of shared aims – living in harmony with nature for the benefit of all.



In loving memory of Dr. Mohammad Taghi Farvar (1942-2018)



***Indigenous Shahsevan of Iranian Azerbaijan, President of the ICCA Consortium
and beloved friend and ally to many around the world***

A photograph of three women of African descent smiling warmly at the camera. They are wearing traditional headwraps in various colors and patterns: one in red and white, one in green and black, and one in light blue. They are dressed in colorful, patterned clothing. The background is a textured, earthy brown wall.

Thank you!

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