

## MITSUBISHI CORPORATION FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEW GRANTS



The Unini River, a tributary of Rio Negro, in Amazonas state in northwestern Brazil, where Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) is engaging local communities in conservation and natural resource management. MCFA has been supporting WCS's Amazon Waters Initiative since 2014. © Carlos Durigan/WCS

NEW YORK (December 18, 2019) – On November 14, 2019, the Board of Directors of the Mitsubishi Corporation Foundation for the Americas (MCFA) approved new multi-year grants to: [Equitable Origin](#), for further development and promotion of a “Rights and Resources Hub” that aims to support Indigenous Peoples in asserting their rights and interests in the context of natural resource development; [The Nature Conservancy](#), for habitat restoration and sustainable fishery development in the Gulf of Mexico; [The Environmental Fellows Program](#), which is jointly administered by the [Environmental Grantmakers Association](#) and Dr. Dorceta Taylor, of the University of Michigan School for Environment and Sustainability; and [Earth Rangers](#), the kids’ conservation organization, with over 200,000 members in Canada, committed to instilling environmental knowledge and the confidence to take action in every child in Canada.

The Board of MCFA also approved renewed funding to [CDP](#) for continued promotion of its [Matchmaker platform](#), which supports enhanced disclosure of opportunities to invest in climate resilient infrastructure projects in cities throughout the US; and to the [Wildlife Conservation Society](#) in support of the [Amazon Waters Initiative](#), for the adoption of a framework for conservation of the Amazon that explicitly recognizes the interdependence between the vast intact forests and freshwater ecosystems in key watersheds in Brazil and Peru.

MCFA ratified continuing grants to the [Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative \(Y2Y\)](#) to support First Nations-led Caribou conservation in British Columbia, Canada; to [Conservation International](#) for its work engaging urban stakeholders in watershed conservation in Bogota, Colombia; to the [Rainforest Alliance](#), to continue efforts to strengthen sustainable livelihoods and sustainable forest management in Peru; and to [Fair Trade USA](#), to continue improving labor conditions and environmental protections for farmworkers in North America.

MCFA’s mission encompasses biodiversity conservation, environmental education, environmental justice and sustainable development, and it is but one of several means through which [Mitsubishi Corporation](#) is proactively working to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

The [Mitsubishi Corporation Foundation for the Americas](#), based in New York City, was established 1991 with funding from Mitsubishi Corporation of Japan, and its U.S.-based subsidiary, Mitsubishi International Corporation. MCFA is currently supported by Mitsubishi Corporation and Mitsubishi Corporation (Americas). Since its establishment, MCFA has dedicated over \$11 million to environmental causes throughout the Americas.

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MC provides philanthropic contributions through a variety of channels, including donations to the MCFA and its sister charity the Mitsubishi Corporation Fund for Europe and Africa (MCFEA).

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