

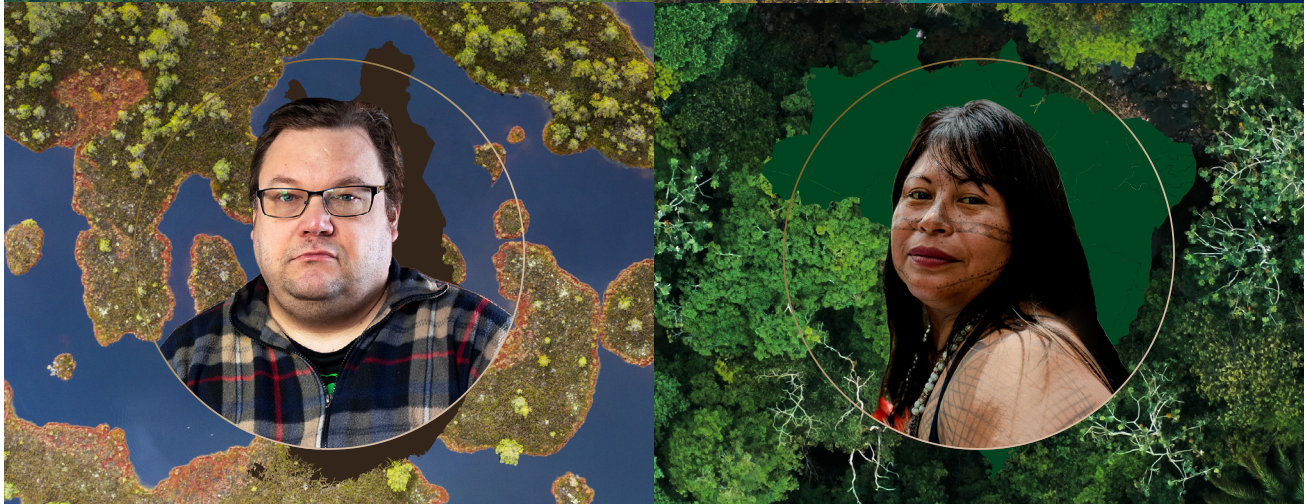
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# Introducing the 2023 Goldman Environmental Prize Winners

We are honored to announce the 2023 Goldman Prize winners. Discover the stories of six grassroots environmental leaders who prove that ordinary people can have an extraordinary impact on the planet.

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# The 2023 Prize Winners

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## Africa

2023 Recipient, Zambia

Chilekwa Mumba



Alarmed by the pollution produced by the Konkola Copper Mines operation in the Copperbelt Province of Zambia, Chilekwa Mumba organized a lawsuit to hold the mine's parent company, Vedanta Resources, responsible. Chilekwa's victory in the UK Supreme Court set a legal precedent—it was the first time a British company was held liable for the environmental damage caused by subsidiary-run operations in another country. This precedent has since been applied to hold Shell Global—one of the world's 10 largest corporations by revenue—liable for its pollution in Nigeria.

## Asia

2023 Recipient, Turkey

Zafer Kizilkaya



In collaboration with local fishing cooperatives and Turkish authorities, Zafer Kizilkaya expanded Turkey's network of marine protected areas (MPAs) along 310 miles of the Mediterranean coast. The newly designated areas were approved by the Turkish government in August 2020 and include an expansion of the MPA network by 135 square miles (350 sq km) of no trawling/ no purse seine, and an additional 27 square miles (70 sq. km) of no fishing zones. Turkey's marine ecosystem has been severely degraded by overfishing, illegal fishing, tourism development, and the effects of climate change—and these protected areas help mitigate these challenges.

## Europe

2023 Recipient, Finland

Tero Mustonen



Since April 2018, Tero Mustonen led the restoration of 62 severely degraded former industrial peat mining and forestry sites throughout Finland—totaling 86,000 acres—and transformed them into productive, biodiverse wetlands and habitats. Rich in organic matter, peatlands are highly effective carbon sinks; according to the IUCN, peatlands are the largest natural carbon stores on Earth. Roughly one-third of Finland's surface area is made up of peatlands.

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## Islands & Island Nations

2023 Recipient, Indonesia

**Delima Silalahi**



Delima Silalahi led a campaign to secure legal stewardship of 17,824 acres of tropical forest land for six Indigenous communities in North Sumatra. Her community's activism reclaimed this territory from a pulp and paper company that had partially converted it into a monoculture, non-native, industrial eucalyptus plantation. The six communities have begun restoring the forests, creating valuable carbon sinks of biodiverse Indonesian tropical forest.

## North America

2023 Recipient, United States

**Diane Wilson**



In December 2019, Diane Wilson won a landmark case against Formosa Plastics, one of the world's largest petrochemical companies, for the illegal dumping of toxic plastic waste on Texas' Gulf Coast. The \$50 million settlement is the largest award in a citizen suit against an industrial polluter in the history of the US Clean Water Act. As a part of the settlement, Formosa Plastics agreed to reach "zero-discharge" of plastic waste from its Point Comfort factory, pay penalties until discharges cease, and fund remediation of affected local wetlands, beaches, and waterways.

## South & Central America

2023 Recipient, Brazil

**Alessandra Korap Munduruku**



Alessandra Korap Munduruku organized community efforts to stop mining development by British mining company Anglo American in Brazil's Amazon rainforest. In May 2021, the company formally committed to withdraw 27 approved research applications to mine inside Indigenous territories, including the Sawré Muybu Indigenous Territory, which contains more than 400,000 acres of rainforest. The decision protects a critically threatened area of the Amazon—the world's largest rainforest and a globally significant carbon sink—from further mining and deforestation.



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#### Option 1

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#### Option 2

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✦✦ Zafer Kizilkaya (Turkey)  
✦✦ Tero Mustonen (Finland)  
✦✦ Delima Silalahi (Indonesia)  
✦✦ Diane Wilson (United States)  
✦✦ Alessandra Korap Munduruku (Brazil)

#### Option 3

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# The Goldman Environmental Prize

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The Goldman Environmental Prize honors the achievements and leadership of grassroots environmental activists from around the world, inspiring all of us to take action to protect our planet.

“People of ordinary backgrounds doing extraordinary things to save our Earth.”

– Richard Goldman, philanthropist and founder

Each year, the Goldman Prize solicits nominations from our alliance of nominating partners. The global reach and on-the-ground knowledge of our partners enables the Prize to identify a diverse cohort of grassroots environmental changemakers across the world. Prize winners are then selected each year by an expert, international jury.

The Goldman Environmental Prize honors grassroots environmental heroes from roughly the world’s six inhabited continental regions: Africa, Asia, Europe, Islands & Island Nations, North America, and South & Central America.

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