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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Honoring Leadership in Latin American Conservation



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Nominations must be emailed by December 1, 2011 to conservationtrust@ngs.org

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The National Geographic Society is currently soliciting nominations for the 2012 Buffett Award for Leadership in Latin American Conservation. This award honors the unsung heroes of conservation by celebrating the recipient's past achievements and supporting ongoing work in conserving nature or culture in Latin America. The award includes a \$25,000 grant.

In 2011 the award was given to Moi Enomenga (pictured) for his work to protect and defend the traditional culture and land of his Huarani Nation in the

Ecuadorian Amazon's Yasuni National Park. Mr. Enomenga developed the Huaorani Ecolodge, a sustainable tourism project in his community of Quehueri'ono, as a means to strengthen traditional culture and generate employment; has worked tirelessly to establish the 55,000 hectare Yame Forest Reserve; and has demonstrated how conservation, support for local cultures, and ecotourism are critical to the preservation of the Amazonian forest.

In 2010 the award was given jointly to the husband and wife team Dr. Vitor Becker and Ms. Clemira Souza for their work in creating and managing a 5,000-acre protected reserve in Brazil's Atlantic Forest region. In addition to protecting unique and highly threatened habitats and species, the reserve supports field research by visiting scientists and innovative hands-on education programs for local schoolchildren.

In 2008 the award was given to Ms. Denise Rambaldi in recognition of her successful work toward conservation of golden lion tamarins and their Atlantic coastal forest habitats in Brazil. Her work has led to increased connectivity among isolated forest patches, an improvement in the IUCN designation of the tamarin, local agriculturalists' embrace of tree cultivation and reforestation, and the establishment of a protected area watershed in the region.

The award was established in 2005 through a generous gift from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation. Mr. Buffett is a farmer, businessman, conservationist and photographer. He serves on the NGS Council of Advisors and in 2007 was named Ambassador Against Hunger by the UN World Food Program.

Recipients of the National Geographic Society/Bufett Award are chosen from nominations submitted to National Geographic. After nominations are screened by advisors and other experts in conservation, a selection of names is forwarded to the Howard G. Buffett Foundation for review. The final selection is made by the National Geographic Society.

To submit a nomination, please complete a nomination form including a description of achievements that merit the award. Be sure to include details about the nominee's major conservation successes in the face of unique challenges.

Please return the form no later than **December 1, 2011** to Dr. Catherine Workman, conservationtrust@ngs.org.

The award will be presented at National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington, D.C. in summer 2012.

Thank you for participating in the nominating process and for contributing to the Society's efforts to recognize and celebrate leaders in Latin American conservation.

Sincerely,

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