



Ecuador & Peru

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Indigenous communities in **Ecuador** and **Peru** opposed a new **oil deal**, citing risks of **deforestation**, **river pollution**, **biodiversity loss**, and **ecological damage** in the [Amazon rainforests](#).

Amazon Rainforests

- **About:** The **Amazon Rainforest** is the **largest tropical rainforest in the world**, covering around **6.7 million sq km** in the **Amazon River basin** of **northern South America**.
 - About **60% of the rainforest is in Brazil**, while the remaining area is shared among **Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname, Venezuela, and French Guiana**, making it the **largest drainage system globally**.
 - It is bounded by the **Guiana Highlands (north)**, **Andes Mountains (west)**, **Brazilian Central Plateau (south)**, and the **Atlantic Ocean (east)**.
- **Ecological Significance:** Covers **over half of the world's rainforest volume**, crucial for **biodiversity, carbon sequestration, and climate regulation**.
 - Though only **1% of Earth's surface**, it sustains **around 10% of global wildlife**, including habitats for **river dolphins** and **over 70% of the world's jaguars**.



Ecuador

- Ecuador (with capital **Quito**) lies in **western South America** between **Colombia** and **Peru**. The **Equator line** passed through it.
- The **Andes** run through Ecuador, with **Cotopaxi** as the **highest active volcano**.

Peru

- Situated on the **western coast of South America**, **Peru (capital- Lima)** connects the **Pacific Ocean**, **Andes Mountains** and the **Amazon Basin**.
 - It shares borders with **Ecuador and Colombia** (north), **Brazil** (east), and **Bolivia and Chile** (south).
- Key drainage includes the **Amazon River** and **Lake Titicaca** (world's highest navigable lake, shared with Bolivia).
 - About **60%** of Peru is covered by the **Amazon forest**.
 - Other features include **Atacama Desert** (southern Peru), **Nazca Lines**, and the **Humboldt Current** and **El Niño**.

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