



Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide

Bringing Hope, Winning Victories

International Alliance Levels the Playing Field

Pollution, deforestation, toxic chemicals, greenhouse gases and more threaten the only planet we have.

The Environmental Law Alliance is taking on these daunting problems, one country at a time, from the grassroots, and it's working.

The key to our success is identifying the most effective environmental defenders, working in their home countries, and giving these partners the legal and scientific tools they need.

ELAW works with hundreds of advocates in more than 60 countries. These courageous and inspiring leaders face long odds as they seek justice and a healthy environment for disadvantaged communities.

ELAW partners serve neglected, remote communities – places like the Andean city of La Oroya, Peru, one of the world's most polluted places, and Biratnagar, Nepal, in the industrial corridor near India.

"Being part of the ELAW team gives us the motivation to carry on," says Mauro



IPAT LUNA

ELAW is working with partners in the Philippines to monitor air pollution in Lipa City, Batangas, where these children live.

Figueiredo, a lawyer working to protect the coast of Florianopolis, Brazil.

Mauro calls for help from ELAW colleagues around the world. He gets the help he needs, when he needs it.

ELAW helps local advocates win big, lasting victories for the environment and communities: Protecting beaches in Jamaica, cleaning up tropical rivers in Peru, clearing the air in South Africa.

Recent victories from around the world show the power of the ELAW network. Through our work together, we are winning lasting victories and building a corps of local environmental defenders that will be working for generations to come to protect our planet.

PROTECTING INDIGENOUS LANDS FROM OIL DEVELOPMENT IN BELIZE

In Belize, the Ministry of Natural Resources granted permission to a Texas-based energy corporation to prospect for oil in Sarstoon-Temash National Park. Sarstoon-Temash was designated a protected area in 1997 and joined the Ramsar list of Wetlands of International Importance in 2005. For the last decade, the indigenous Maya who live around the park have restricted their entry into and use of the Park's resources, in accordance with the law governing protected areas.

ELAW partner Antoinette Moore is a member of the legal team working with the Sarstoon Temash Institute of

"Everyone deserves to breathe clean air, drink clean water, and live in a healthy environment. ELAW is helping people all over the world secure these critical, basic rights." — SARAH BASCOM AND TOM BASCOM, M.D.