

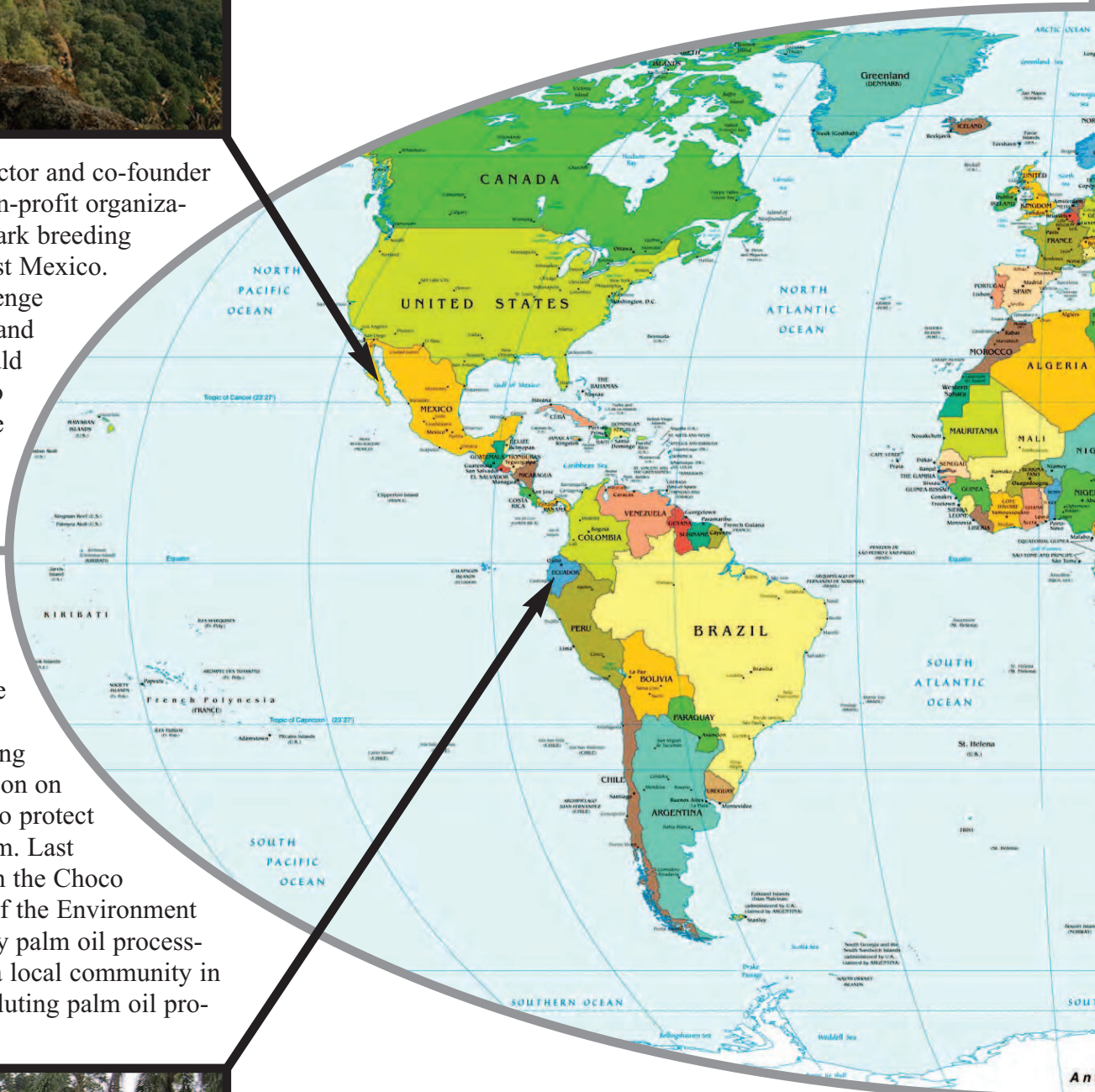


“ELAW responds immediately! They have provided invaluable help for our work protecting ecosystems on the Baja California Peninsula.”

Fernando Ochoa
Defensa Ambiental del Noroeste
Ensenada, BC, Mexico

Fernando Ochoa is the Executive Director and co-founder of Defensa Ambiental del Noroeste (DAN), a non-profit organization working to protect gray whale and whale shark breeding grounds and the natural environment of northwest Mexico. DAN is collaborating with communities to challenge proposed yacht club marinas, cruise ship docks, and other tourism and development projects that would have dire consequences for the region. Fernando has collaborated in the creation of several private reserves.

Silvana Rivadeneira is President and Staff Attorney at ECOLEX, a non-profit organization working to promote sustainable management of Ecuador’s natural resources. She is working with ELAW to protect Machalilla National Park from a polluting fishmeal processing plant. Machalilla includes the only coral formation on Ecuador’s mainland coast. She is also working to protect Los Rios Province from the ill-advised Baba Dam. Last year, Silvana helped an indigenous community in the Choco region win a court order requiring the Ministry of the Environment to clean up rivers that have been contaminated by palm oil processing factory effluent. This was the first time that a local community in Ecuador has pursued legal action to clean up polluting palm oil processing facilities.



“This is a landmark legal victory for the indigenous African Ecuadorian people, and the environment. Scientific support from ELAW was crucial.”

Silvana Rivadeneira
Corporacion de Gestion y Derecho Ambiental
Quito, Ecuador

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