



TERRITORIAL RECORD
NO. AM · MMXXVI

HORTUS DELICIARUM

PRIMARY AMAZON FOREST · HELD IN CUSTODY

Amazonas Mundi

— Morona-Santiago · Ecuadorian Amazon

OPENING STATEMENT

Amazonas Mundi is a territory of primary Amazon forest in the province of Morona-Santiago, held under the custody of Hortus Deliciarum. To hold it is not to own a property but to assume the continuance of a living system to keep it intact, undivided, and in function, for the duration of one's tenure and beyond.

EXTENT

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APPROXIMATELY

195,485

acres

≈ 79,109

HECTARES

≈ 791

SQUARE KILOMETRES

— The figure is approximate and is not rounded in either direction. It stands pending confirmation by verified survey.

THE JURISDICTION

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The Rights of Nature

Constitution of the Republic of Ecuador, 2008 · Article 71

Ecuador's Constitution of 2008 was the first in the world to recognise the Rights of Nature. Article 71 holds that nature Pachamama has the right to exist, to persist, and to regenerate its vital cycles.

Within this jurisdiction the protection of the territory is constitutional in character rather than contractual. It does not rest upon the disposition of any single owner, and it does not lapse with a change of title.

The standing of the forest therefore precedes, and outlasts, the record of its ownership.

The organising logic of the holding

At this extent the navigable river is not a feature of the land. It is the boundary that defines the territory, the access on which the interior depends, and the spine along which the holding is read.

Its course orders everything this record describes. The interior is reached by water or not at all.

HYDROLOGICAL RECORD

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Course, access and seasonal regime

RIVER NAME

Río Yaupi

PROVISIONAL — UNVERIFIED

NAVIGABLE LENGTH WITHIN THE PROPERTY

≈ 41 km of continuous navigable channel

PROVISIONAL — UNVERIFIED

SEASONAL FLOW CHARACTERISTICS

High water February–June; low water September–November. Channel navigable year-round.

PROVISIONAL — UNVERIFIED

DRAFT & VESSEL ACCESS

Shallow-draft craft to 1.2 m year-round; to 1.8 m at high water.

PROVISIONAL — UNVERIFIED

Three scales in sequence

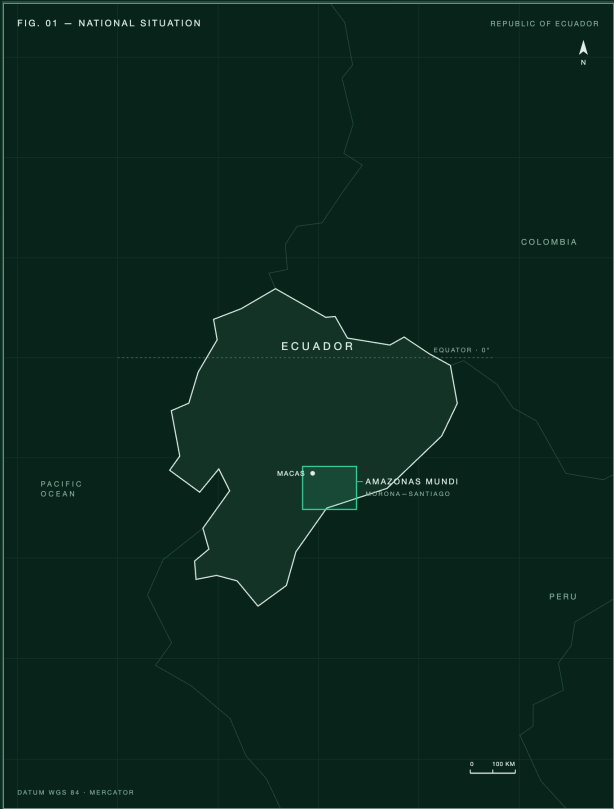


FIG. 01 — WITHIN ECUADOR

100 KM



FIG. 02 — AMAZON BASIN

500 KM

DATUM WGS 84 · SCALE BARS & COORDINATES AS MARKED

INTERNAL GEOGRAPHY

The river as spine

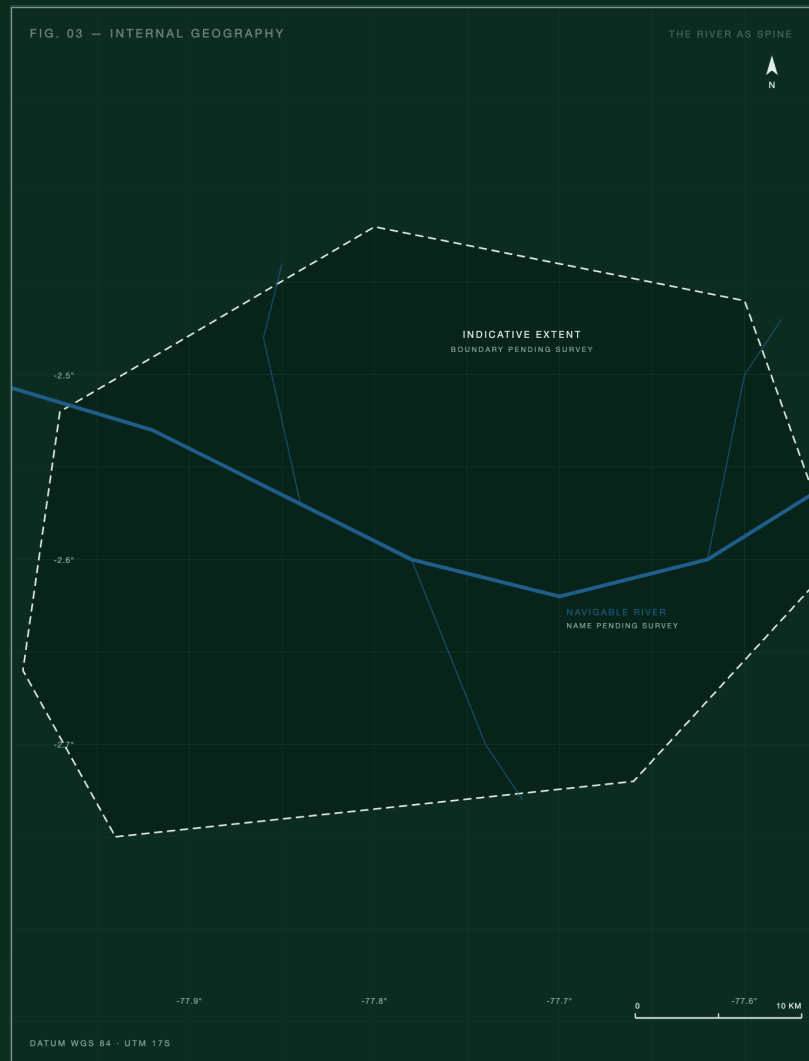


FIG. 03 — INTERNAL GEOGRAPHY

10 KM

DATUM WGS 84 · UTM 17S · BOUNDARY INDICATIVE, PENDING SURVEY

WATERSHED FUNCTION

What the territory regulates does not stay within it

Beyond its boundaries the territory performs a hydrological function the water it intercepts, holds and releases, and the course that water takes downstream. That function is recorded below, provisionally, pending verified catchment data.

CATCHMENT AREA WITHIN THE TERRITORY

≈ 640 km² of the upper catchment lies within the boundary

PROVISIONAL — UNVERIFIED

PRINCIPAL DOWNSTREAM WATERCOURSE

Río Yaupi → Río Santiago → Río Marañón → Amazon

PROVISIONAL — UNVERIFIED

DOWNSTREAM EXTENT SERVED

Contributes to the Marañón headwaters, ≈ 3,700 km upstream of the Atlantic

PROVISIONAL — UNVERIFIED

FOREST STRUCTURE

The holding is not uniform

At this extent the composition of the territory matters as much as its size. It is recorded as a classified whole types, canopy structure, and the proportion classified as intact primary forest and is not presented as though uniform.

FOREST CLASSIFICATION BY TYPE

Lowland evergreen terra firme forest ($\approx 78\%$); seasonally inundated várzea along the river corridor ($\approx 14\%$); premontane transitional forest on eastern ridges ($\approx 8\%$)

PROVISIONAL — UNVERIFIED

CANOPY STRUCTURE

Closed canopy at 30–40 m with emergents to 55 m; three discernible strata; no recorded commercial extraction

PROPORTION CLASSIFIED INTACT PRIMARY FOREST

PROVISIONAL — UNVERIFIED

$\approx 94\%$

PROVISIONAL — UNVERIFIED

ECOLOGICAL PROFILE

Species Register

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The register records species expected on this territory. Entries are provisional pending field survey; status follows IUCN categories.

NO.	SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	STATUS
01	<i>Panthera onca</i>	Jaguar	NT
02	<i>Tapirus terrestris</i>	Lowland tapir	VU
03	<i>Pteronura brasiliensis</i>	Giant otter	EN
04	<i>Ateles belzebuth</i>	White-bellied spider monkey	EN
05	<i>Lagothrix lagotricha</i>	Brown woolly monkey	VU
06	<i>Priodontes maximus</i>	Giant armadillo	VU

NO.	SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	STATUS
07	<i>Harpia harpyja</i>	Harpy eagle	VU
08	<i>Ara macao</i>	Scarlet macaw	LC
09	<i>Ramphastos tucanus</i>	White-throated toucan	VU
10	<i>Cedrela odorata</i>	Spanish cedar	VU
11	<i>Ceiba pentandra</i>	Kapok	LC
12	<i>Bertholletia excelsa</i>	Brazil nut	VU

— Each entry carries scientific name, common name and conservation status where applicable.
Entries are provisional and await confirmation by field survey conducted on the territory.

PLATES

Aerial frames



Aerial frame I — location & date pending

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AERIAL I · LOCATION PENDING

DATE PENDING



Aerial frame II — location & date pending

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AERIAL II · LOCATION PENDING

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Ground frames

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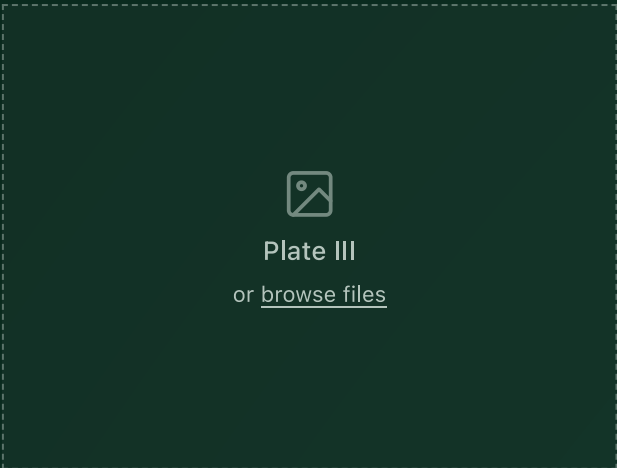


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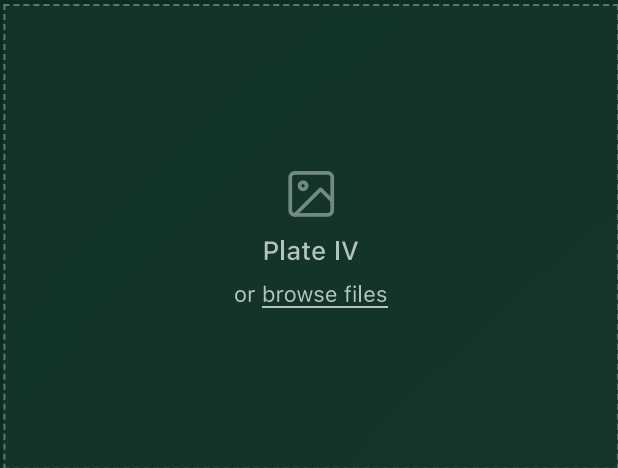


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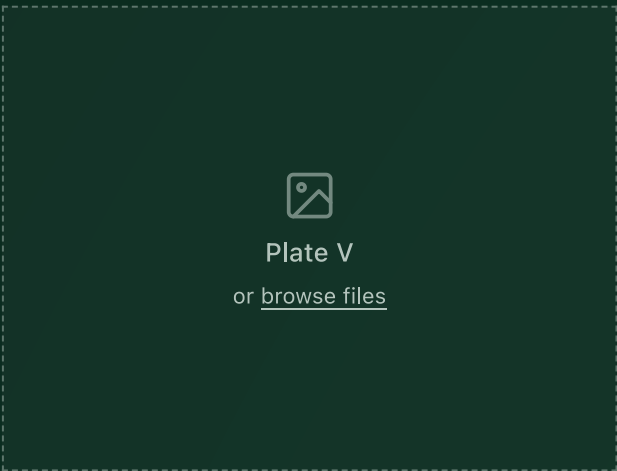


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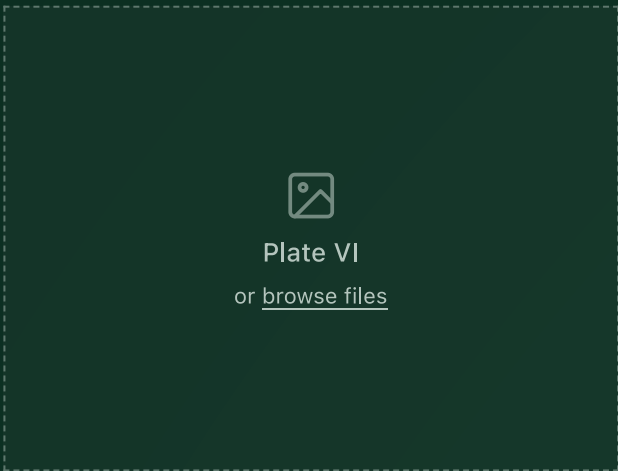


PLATE VI

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TERMS

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PRICE

USD 24,400,000 *≈ USD 125 / acre*

PROVISIONAL — UNVERIFIED

TITLE STATUS

Consolidated private freehold title, registered in Morona-Santiago; no recorded liens or encumbrances

PROVISIONAL — UNVERIFIED

TRANSFER CONDITIONS

Transfer as a single undivided holding; subdivision not permitted

PROVISIONAL — UNVERIFIED

CUSTODY ARRANGEMENT

Perpetual conservation covenant running with the title, administered by Hortus Deliciarum

PROVISIONAL — UNVERIFIED

RIVER ACCESS & NAVIGATION RIGHTS

Riparian access along the full frontage; public navigation of the channel is preserved under Ecuadorian law

PROVISIONAL — UNVERIFIED



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