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Our Impact in 2017

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OU RIVER

A fisherman navigates the Ou River.

Photo by Sabrina Gyorvary.

Progress for Rivers Across Borders

United States

The World Bank approved just one new dam in 2017 -the fewest in yearsthanks in large part to the advocacy of our network.

Georgia

International Rivers helped convene activists from around the world to share experiences and strategize new ways to protect the world's rivers.

Nepal

We moved the Green Climate Fund to withdraw its first major hydropower investment.

Thailand

The Supreme Court accepted our legal complaints that the government is required to inform and consult with those impacted by cross-border projects like the Pak Beng dam.

Niger

We compelled developers to downscale the Kandadji Dam, which would have displaced tens of thousands of people and impaired waterways that support local agriculture.

Chile

With our partners, we compelled two major corporations to return water rights to two of Patagonia's iconic, free-flowing rivers.



PATAGONIA. CHILE

Activists gathered at El Manzano on the Río Baker to rally for free-flowing rivers in Chile and celebrate the International Day of Action for Rivers in 2011.

Photo by Berklee Lowrey-Evans.

Brazil

Close friend and partner, Antônia Melo, was awarded the Alexander Soros Foundation Award for her unwavering commitment to protect the rivers and people of the Amazon.

We supported our indigenous Munduruku partners in occupying the main work camp of the São Manoel hydroelectric dam on the Teles Pires River to secure important concessions from its developers.

ANTONIA MELO

Photo by Verena Glass.

DRC

Myanmar In response to mounting civil society pressure, the country's

energy minister publicly deprioritized megadams in the

country's strategy to tackle

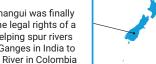
chronic power shortages.

Our reports on the flawed economics and renewable energy alternatives to the proposed Inga 3 Dam project and renewable energy alternatives "dealt a death-blow" to the project, according to one media outlet.

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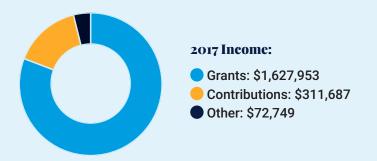
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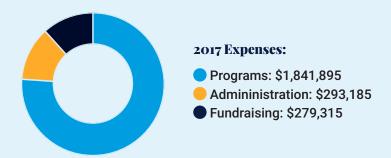
The Whanangui was finally granted the legal rights of a person helping spur rivers from the Ganges in India to the Atroto River in Colombia to follow suit.

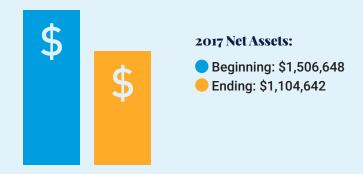


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Get Involved

Take Action on March 14

The annual International Day of Action for Rivers takes place on March 14. Tens of thousands of people rise up together on this day to clean up rivers, voice support for river protection, kayak and raft, screen documentaries, organize conferences, hold ceremonies, and more.

Pledge to take action for a river you care about on March 14: intlrv.rs/riveraction

TAPAJÓS RIVER

The Tapajós River, where a series of dams would flood national parks, reserves and indigenous lands on this major Amazon tributary.

> Photo by International Rivers.