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About the Global Baseline

Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI) is currently developing a Global Baseline that will bring us one step closer to knowing how much land national governments formally recognize to be owned or controlled by Indigenous Peoples and local communities.

Over the last decade, [RRI has tracked the status of forest tenure](#) across nearly 90 percent of forest land worldwide. RRI's research provides a foundation for national governments and civil society organizations to measure the extent to which governments recognize Indigenous Peoples' and local communities' rights to communally-held forests.

The forthcoming Global Baseline will provide estimates of the total amount of land that indigenous peoples and local communities have formal rights to own or control in both forested and non-forested areas such as farmland, grasslands, and wetlands. RRI has collected data for at least 60 countries and is currently in the process of reviewing and vetting its findings.

The Global Baseline will be a tool for research and advocacy. By providing country-by-country estimates of the area of land formally owned or controlled by Indigenous Peoples and local communities, the Global Baseline research will allow governments and civil society to measure progress towards the formal recognition of land rights in the years to come. It will also provide data to facilitate comparisons between different countries' experiences and records for recognizing communal land rights.

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