Globally, 1.5 billion people manage their land through indigenous or community-based systems.

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Regional Results

- 18% of community-owned land is in China.
- In Latin America, 13% of land is owned by governments or private enterprises.
- In Africa, 23% of land is owned by governments or private enterprises.

Land Rights and Fragile States

In 10 of 12 countries in this report classified as fragile states by the World Bank, governments and the private sector lay claim to nearly 100% of indigenous and community land.

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- 10% Land owned by local and indigenous communities
- 8% Land designated for local and indigenous communities
- 10% Land claimed by governments or private individuals