

Los Cedros Biological Reserve Dec. 1, 2021

Monumental victory in Ecuador as the Constitutional Court ejects mining companies from our Los Cedros Biological Reserve.

The Rainforest Information Centre helped create this reserve 40 years ago with a grant from the Australian Government aid agency and we have been helping ward off all manner of threats ever since from land developers to illegal loggers to, most recently, mining companies from all over the world.

A few years ago, a corrupt government decision handed over this precious "Bosques Protectores" to the mining industry. If the precedent of this court ruling can gain traction, another 2 million HA of similarly threatened Ecuadorean rainforests with Bosques Protectores status may be spared to say nothing of ramifications around the world.

The Ecuadorean Constitution was the first in the world to enshrine the Rights of Nature. Not only did the Ecuadorian Constitutional Court eject the miners, but in their decision published last week, the first of several grounds they gave for their decision was that Rights of Nature would be impacted if mining were allowed to continue.

You can read more about this story here and a rambling piece I just wrote about the background to Los Cedros [here](#).

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