

Read the information below. Share why you think representatives from the Munduruku made the very long journey to Glasgow. Do you think more should be done to protect their way of life?

## Who are the Munduruku?

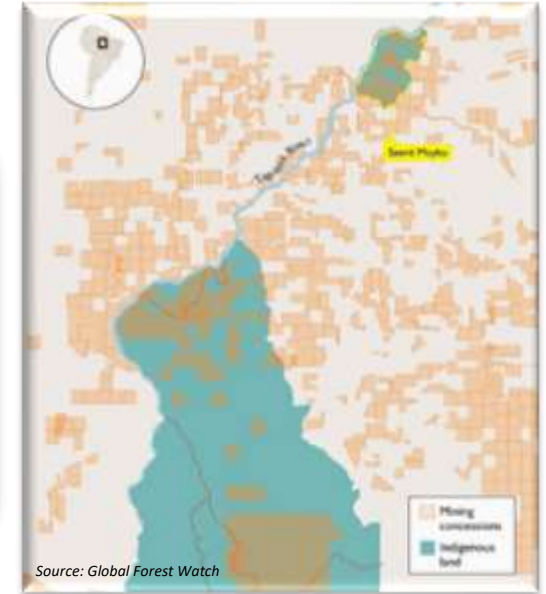


Source: Beka Munduruku

Pictured above: Beka Munduruku wants the world to protect the rainforest that is her home.

There are about 305 indigenous groups living in Brazil today, totalling around 900,000 people. The Munduruku are one of these groups. They live in a very remote part of the Amazon rainforest in Brazil.

The modern Munduruku population has made a livelihood of collecting latex from wild rubber trees and exchanging it for manufactured goods. They still farm, hunt and fish on the land they inhabit.



Source: Global Forest Watch

## What is happening to the Munduruku's land?

Brazil's indigenous people came together at COP26 earlier this month to share their message, that the world needs their expertise in protecting the Amazon rainforest in which they live. They have said they face increasing threats from loggers and miners. Their way of life is being threatened, with huge areas of forest being destroyed. Gold miners are mining on the indigenous land illegally and they receive little support from the Brazilian government. The price of gold soared during the first year of the pandemic, leading to more illegal miners using the land.

“People of the world, come and help us protect nature and fight the projects that wants to destroy the forest,” Beka Munduruku (pictured above) said at a meeting of indigenous leaders. She spoke, among other issues, of how she used to play in the nearby river but now mercury from illegal mining poisons the water.

Pictured above: Illegal mining areas in and around Munduruku land



Source: Christian Braga/Greenpeace

The above photograph taken in April, shows an illegal gold mine in the Uraricoerca river region. Forest has been cut down and replaced with pools of stagnant water and felled trees.