

# The Breadfruit Collective

Women are scared custodians of the Earth, Protect Both!



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Artwork by Guyanese artist, Saeed Hamid

## Powerful Stories of Women in Natural Resources

- Inter- American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) hearing on extractive industries on human rights
  - **Immaculata Casimero**- Leader of the Wapichan Women's Movement in Guyana
  - **Dr. Janette Bulkan**- Environmental Activist

**1 in every 2 women in Guyana will experience Intimate Partner Violence**

**The Gender Inequality Index ranks Guyana at 122 out of 154 countries**

# CLIMATE CHANGE IS A FEMINIST ISSUE

- Women make up the majority of the world's poor.
- Women are responsible for agricultural work and food production. This increases their personal and economic vulnerabilities to lost harvest, which results in change in temperature, floods, and droughts.
- Women often have less access to resources. They are likely to be the last to leave when a natural disaster occurs.
- Often women are primarily responsible for their families and communities and when resources become scarce, the burden of this (often unpaid) care work increases.

While linkages between Gender-based violence and environmental issues are complex and multi-layered, these threats to human rights and healthy ecosystems are clear.

Research findings demonstrate that ending Gender based violence, promoting **gender equality** and **protecting the environment** can positively contribute to securing a **safe, sustainable** and **equitable future**.

# Thank You!



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