

Changemaker that inspires me

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The Voice of the Marañón River That Refuses to Be Silenced

Mari Luz Canaquiri Murayari is an indigenous leader of the Kukama people in the Loreto region of Peru and president of the Federation of Kukama Women of the Marañón (Huaynakana Kamatahuara Kana). For over a decade, she has dedicated her life to defending her community's rights and protecting the Marañón River, a vital source of life, food, and spirituality for her people. Her fight began in response to frequent oil spills caused by extractive activities in the Amazon, especially in Block 192, one of the most polluted areas in the country.

Mari Luz has firmly denounced the environmental and social impacts of these activities, demanding that the Peruvian government and oil companies take responsibility. Despite threats, discrimination, and obstacles, her commitment has never wavered. She has inspired more indigenous women to join the movement, actively participating in defending their territory and water, showing that environmental justice is also gender justice.

Her story inspires because she embodies courage and resilience. Mari Luz fights not only for her community but for the entire planet, reminding us that the Amazon is the heart of the Earth and that its destruction affects us all. Her voice represents the connection between human rights and respect for nature, and her leadership calls us to act with empathy, awareness, and determination.

Personally, she inspires me because she shows that a single voice can become the echo of an entire river. Mari Luz teaches that caring for the Earth is an act of love and justice, and that protecting the environment is not optional it is a responsibility we all share.



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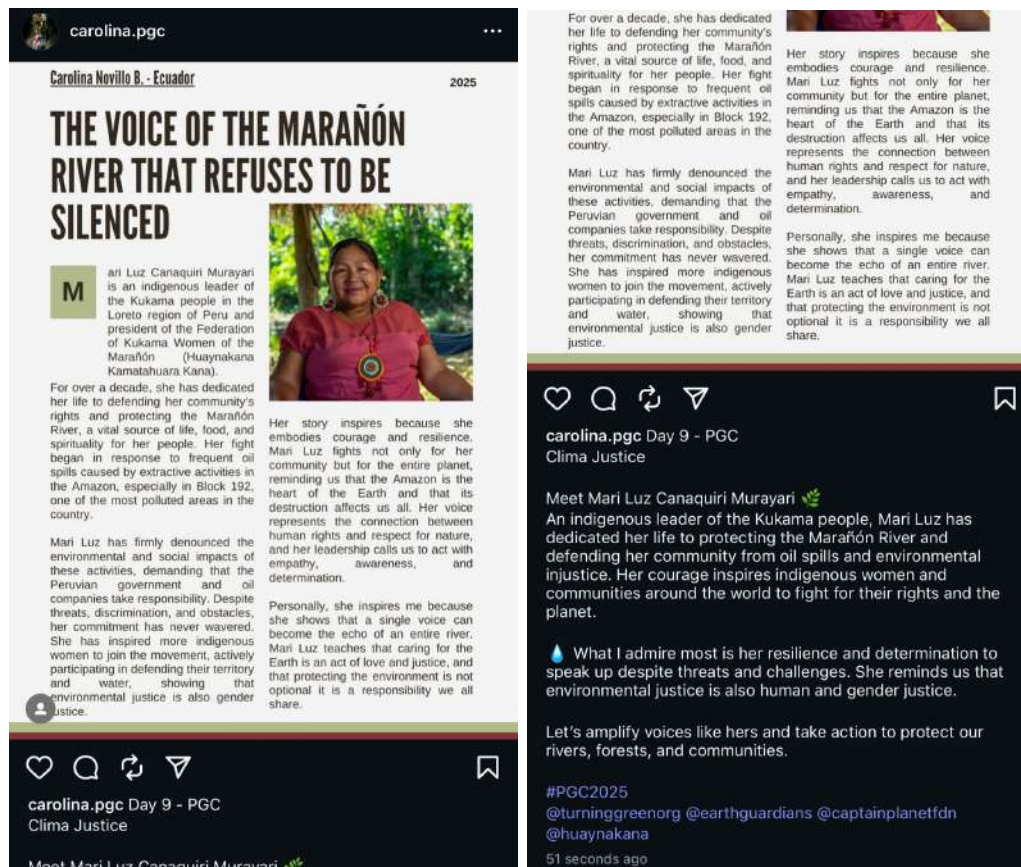
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Meet Mari Luz Canaquiri Murayari

An indigenous leader of the Kukama people, Mari Luz has dedicated her life to protecting the Marañón River and defending her community from oil spills and environmental injustice. Her courage inspires indigenous women and communities around the world to fight for their rights and the planet.

What I admire most is her resilience and determination to speak up despite threats and challenges. She reminds us that environmental justice is also human and gender justice.

Let's amplify voices like hers and take action to protect our rivers, forests, and communities.