Rights of Nature

The Rights of Nature is an indigenous philosophy that takes part in the Ecuadorian Constitution.

In Ecuador, indigenous activism has helped spur the creation of the idea that nature itself can have rights. It means recognizing that ecosystems and natural communities are not merely property that can be owned, but are entities that have an independent right to exist and flourish.In September 2008, Ecuador became the first country in the world to recognize rights for nature in its constitution; the nature is not held as property, but a rights-bearing entity. The notion that nature has rights is a huge conceptual advance in protecting the Earth. Before to this framework, an environmental lawsuit could only be filed if a personal human injury was proven in connection to the environment, but now, under Ecuadorian law, people can sue on the ecosystemâ€™s behalf, without it being connected to a direct human injury.

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