

HOW TO SUPPORT INDIGENOUS STEWARDSHIP

Indigenous stewardship is vital for the health of our planet and communities, as evidenced by the Indigenous solution-seekers and programs featured in *Down to Earth with Zac Efron: Down Under*.

Comprising less than 5% of the world's population, Indigenous Peoples protect **80% of global biodiversity**. In fact, stewardship and land management by Indigenous and local communities often achieve **greater conservation results** and sustain **more biodiversity** than government protected areas.



“WHEN YOU BRING THAT WESTERN SCIENCE AND YOU BRING INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE TOGETHER, THERE ARE BEAUTIFUL SOLUTIONS OUT THERE THAT CAN HAPPEN FOR THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.”

Sonya Takau,
Ginningun Aboriginal Corporation

It's important to acknowledge the diversity of Indigenous Peoples' cultures, traditions, and languages throughout the world, and that includes learning and using accurate terms specific to the community. For example, First Nations or First Peoples is often used in Canada; Native or Native American is appropriate in the United States; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia often choose to identify with their language groups and traditional Country.

Whenever possible, it is important to use the terms and tribal affiliation that Indigenous Peoples' use to refer to themselves. There is no one size fits all, but using the accurate terms can help prevent stereotypes and encourage cultural understanding.

FOUR WAYS TO SUPPORT INDIGENOUS PEOPLE WHEREVER YOU ARE

WHEREVER YOU LIVE,
HERE'S HOW YOU CAN
RECOGNIZE AND SUPPORT
THE ROLE OF INDIGENOUS
LANDS AND LEADERSHIP
IN SUSTAINABILITY AND
CONSERVATION:

**“RALLYING BEHIND AND
SUPPORTING COMMUNITY
IS TRUE ALLYSHIP AND
SOLIDARITY”**

Rosie Goslett-King, WWF

1 LEARN THE TRUTH ABOUT THE LAND YOU LIVE ON.

- Research the history of the land. Understand how and why First Peoples were removed from their traditional lands.
- Recognize the government policies, laws, actions and treaties that removed First Peoples from their traditional lands.

2 SUPPORT THE INDIGENOUS-LED COMMUNITY LAND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES IN YOUR AREA.

- Learn about traditional land management practices like cultural fire and regenerative farming methods.
- Attend community events.
- Support local Indigenous organizations.

3 ACKNOWLEDGE THE PAST AND PRESENT INDIGENOUS STEWARDS OF THE LAND.

- Identify the specific Traditional Owner groups connected to the land in your neighborhood or area.
- Learn the traditional name of the land you are on.

4 AMPLIFY INDIGENOUS VOICES.

- Follow local Indigenous groups on social media and share their stories with family and friends.
- Here are some of the voices featured in *Down to Earth with Zac Efron: Down Under*.
 - [Girringun Aboriginal Corporation Rangers](#)
 - [Kuku Yalanji Cultural Habitat Tour](#)
 - [Mabu Mabu, Torres Strait Owner](#)
 - [Yerrabingin Farm](#)

HISTORY PRESENTS A PAINFUL LEGACY OF COLONIALISM, FORCED RELOCATION, AND DISEMPOWERMENT, A HISTORY THAT REVERBERATES TO MODERN DAY.

SUPPORT INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND **LEARN** FROM THEM.

AMPLIFYING THEIR STEWARDSHIP IS AS **NECESSARY** AS EVER, TO BUILD A WORLD WHERE **PEOPLE AND NATURE** THRIVE TOGETHER.



MORE RESOURCES

[Native Land](#) Indigenous land map

[US Land Acknowledgement Guide](#) (IllumiNative)

[5 ways you can support mob caring on Country](#) (WWF Australia)

You can watch the new season of [Down to Earth with Zac Efron](#) only on Netflix. Visit downtoearth.count-us-in.com to learn more and take a step for Earth.