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Living Amazon Report 2016

A regional approach to
conservation in the Amazon

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Dear friends,

More than ever before, the integrity of the Amazon region is under pressure from unsustainable economic activities and is undergoing unprecedented change.

Today we are delighted to release the **WWF Living Amazon Report 2016** which outlines the current status of the Amazon, summarizes key pressures, and presents a few priorities for conservation action in the Amazon biome for the next decade.

The Amazon is unique. The world's largest rainforest and river system spans 8 countries and one overseas territory, and contains one-tenth of the world's species. Over 2,000 new species of plants and vertebrates have been described since 1999. And yet, in all its vastness and complexity, the Amazon is essentially a single ecological unit. The priority in the Amazon is to ensure the maintenance of healthy forests and connected freshwater ecosystems, along with enhanced climate resilience.

We call for the adoption of an integrated model of conservation at the biome scale that combines protection, sustainable management and where necessary restoration in a sustainable landscape approach. This requires balancing multiple needs and a people-centered approach.

We invite you to review this report and join us to help make the Amazon regional approach a reality.

Best Wishes,

Sandra Charity, WWF Living Amazon Initiative (LAI) Leader