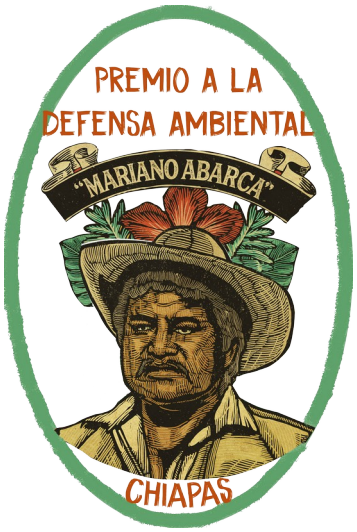


Colectivo Yaxche Na

2026 "MARIANO ABARCA" AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE IN CHIAPAS

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TO THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION

The 38 Mexican and international organizations that convene and endorse **the "Mariano Abarca" Environmental Defense Award in Chiapas** have decided to grant the Recognition in its 2026 edition to the **Yaxche Na Collective.**

With this Recognition we are grateful for the work that the **Yaxche Na Collective** has carried out for years, in the midst of a context of violence, persecution and forced displacement. However, with great tenacity and commitment, they have continued to this day their work of humanitarian support for migrants, in the search for agroecological alternatives, care for the environment, care for the territories that is also care for bodies, strengthening spirituality and hope in a better world for humanity.

The **"Mariano Abarca" Environmental Defense Award** arose from the need to preserve the historical memory of the fighter Mariano Abarca Roblero against the Canadian mining company Blackfire, whose life was taken from him in front of his house in the hands of supposed workers of the company on November 27, 2009. As a way to honor his struggle and his sowing in the hearts and in the struggles of the resistance of the social movements, this Award arose to make visible other struggles in defense of the Mother Earth. Likewise, to recognize, make visible and thank those who provide hope and alternatives for a world where all worlds fit. The objective of the Award is to make them visible, thank them and recognize the contribution they make for the benefit of the people and also the Planet.

Sincerely,

Germany: Rettet den Regenwald

Latin America: Amigos de la Tierra América Latina y El Caribe (ATALC), Movimiento Mesoamericano contra el Modelo Extractivo Minero (M4), Red de Acción en Plaguicidas y sus Alternativas para América Latina (RAP-AL), Red Latinoamericana contra los Monocultivos de Arboles (RECOMA).

Canada: Alianza por la Justicia Minera (MJA), Comité por los Derechos Humanos de América Latina (CDHAL), Comité de Acción para la Justicia Minera (MJAC), Consejo de los Canadienses, Derechos en Acción, Fondo Humanitario de Steelworkers, Fondo de Justicia Social por la Alianza del Servicio Público de Canadá (PSAC), Fronteras Comunes, Grupo de Monitoreo Internacional de las Libertades Civiles (ICLMG), Inter Pares, Kairos Iniciativas Ecuménicas Canadienses por la Justicia, MiningWatch, Red de Solidaridad contra la Minería Injusta (MISN), Unidos por la Justicia Minera.

Catalonia: Entrepueblos.

United States of America: Fundación para el Debido Proceso (DPLF), Instituto de Estudios Políticos (IPS) -Proyecto Sobre la Economía Global, Red en Solidaridad con el Pueblo de Guatemala (NISGUA), Servicio Mundial Judío Estadounidense (AJWS).

Spain: Salva la Selva.

Honduras: Consejo Cívico de Organizaciones Populares e Indígenas de Honduras (COPINH), Organización Fraterna Negra Hondureña (OFRANEH).

Mexico: Amnistía Internacional México, Concejo Regional de Autoridades Agrarias en Defensa del Territorio (CRAADET), Fundación Ambientalista Mariano Abarca (FAMA), Instituto Mexicano de Derechos Humanos y Democracia (IMDHD), Otros Mundos Chiapas, Red de Acción sobre Plaguicidas y sus Alternativas en México (RAPAM), Red Mexicana de Afectadas/os por la Minería (REMA), Organización de la Sociedad Civil Las Abejas de Acteal, Frente Popular en Defensa del Soconusco (FPDS), Colectivo Seamos La Maya, Tsomanotik, BioRed.

The Basque Country: Observatorio de Multinacionales en América Latina (OMAL)– Paz con Dignidad.