

CEC-APNED INTERVENTION GMGSF UNEA

There is no mention, on the other hand, of the integral role of environmental defenders—and therefore the integrity of their human rights—in the full realization of a safe, clean, healthy, and sustainable environment.

NATURE ACTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS

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ACKNOWLEDGING ENVIRONMENT DEFENDERS

- Environmental defenders were successful in stopping environmentally destructive and socially conflictive projects in 11% of the cases
- This success rate was found to increase up to 27% through a combination of particular strategies such as preventive mobilization, protest diversification, and litigation
- The success of environmental defenders, has invited increasing political repression, including high rates of criminalization (20% of cases), physical violence (18%), and assassinations (13%)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- For the MTS explicitly recognize that the human rights of environmental defenders are likewise integral to the full realization of a safe, clean, healthy, and sustainable environment
- For the MTS specifically identify the provision of legal aid, support for preventive mobilizations, and support for advocacy strategy diversification to environmental defenders, as further concrete actions it will undertake
- For the adoption of science and rights-based standards in the mainstreaming of biodiversity protection in our natural resource management and economic planning frameworks