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RAINFOREST PARTNERSHIP UNITES THE WORLD FOR RAINFOREST ADVOCACY

Austin, Texas: Ahead of the second annual World Rainforest Day on June 22, Rainforest Partnership is expanding their World Rainforest Day global partner network. World Rainforest Day is a collaborative effort to raise awareness and encourage action to save one of the world's most precious resources, our rainforests. **World Rainforest Day was launched in 2017 by Rainforest Partnership after President Trump pulled the United States out of the Paris Climate Agreement.** Rainforest Partnership felt compelled to activate a network of dedicated organizations and individuals around the world that will stand up for rainforests and our climate.

The World Rainforest Day partner network consists of non-governmental organizations, conservation groups, media outlets, and environmental advocates from around the globe. The goal is to generate the greatest possible awareness for rainforests on World Rainforest Day, June 22, 2018. New partners include the World Land Trust, Congo Education Partners, Centro de Conservacion, Investigacion y Manejo de Areas Naturales, Gaia Amazonas, Las Galarias Foundation, One Tree Planted, Brighter Green, Conservacion y Desarrollo, Amazon Aid Foundation, Friends of the National Parks Foundation, Amazon Rainforest Workshops, Canadian Organization for Tropical Education and Rainforest Conservation, The Gunung Palung Orangutan Conservation Program, C3, Bambino Mio and the Antenna Group. For the full list of World Rainforest Day partners, go to www.worldrainforestday.com. Together, World Rainforest Day partners inspire the year's biggest day of awareness and action for rainforests.

As Niyanta Spelman, Executive Director of Rainforest Partnership explains, *"No one organization, effort, or rainforest country can do this alone. We need all of us everywhere to protect these precious ecosystems that are so critical to our planet's health."* By creating a global network of dedicated organizations, Rainforest Partnership envisions that World Rainforest Day will be an opportunity to motivate millions to take individual and local actions that collectively have a positive impact on rainforests.

In its first year, World Rainforest Day engaged over 2 million people in countries across the Americas, Asia, and Africa through social media, with the help of founding partners such as SXSW and Avoided Deforestation Partners.

Go to www.worldrainforestday.com to learn more about becoming a World Rainforest Day global partner.

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About Rainforest Partnership: *Rainforest Partnership is an international non-profit based in Austin, Texas that works directly with rainforest communities to protect and regenerate tropical rainforests. To learn more about Rainforest Partnership, visit www.rainforestpartnership.org.*