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The National Geographic Society is currently soliciting nominations for the 2012 Buffett Award for Leadership in Latin American Conservation. This award honors the unsung heroes of conservation by celebrating the recipient's past achievements and supporting ongoing work in conserving nature or culture in Latin America. The award includes a \$25,000 grant.

In 2011 the award was given to Moi Enomenga (pictured) for his work to protect and defend the traditional culture and land of his Huarani Nation in the

Ecuadorian Amazon's Yasuni National Park. Mr. Enomenga developed the Huaorani Ecolodge, a sustainable tourism project in his community of Quehueri'ono, as a means to strengthen traditional culture and generate employment; has worked tirelessly to establish the 55,000 hectare Yame Forest Reserve; and has demonstrated how conservation, support for local cultures, and ecotourism are critical to the preservation of the Amazonian forest.

In 2010 the award was given jointly to the husband and wife team Dr. Vitor Becker and Ms. Clemira Souza for their work in creating and managing a 5,000-acre protected reserve in Brazil's Atlantic Forest region. In addition to protecting unique and highly threatened habitats and species, the reserve supports field research by visiting scientists and innovative hands-on education programs for local schoolchildren.

In 2008 the award was given to Ms. Denise Rambaldi in recognition of her successful work toward conservation of golden lion tamarins and their Atlantic coastal forest habitats in

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