



Public Interest Registry Names SOSOrinoco as 2024 .ORG Impact Awards Finalist

*One of 35 finalists selected from over 1,700 applications from around world,
SOSOrinoco eligible for donations between \$10,000 to \$50,000*

On August 13, 2024, Public Interest Registry (PIR), the organization behind the .ORG domain, proudly announced that SOSOrinoco has been selected as a finalist for the 2024 [.ORG Impact Awards](#). This esteemed global awards program honors exceptional mission-driven individuals and organizations worldwide for their significant contributions to society.

Chosen from over 1,700 applications spanning nearly 90 countries, SOSOrinoco stood out for its work in shedding light on the existing body of work regarding the situation in the Amazonia and Orinoquia regions of Venezuela, raising awareness of the tragedy that is occurring and outlining urgent measures that need to be taken in order to halt the unfolding human and environmental disaster.

As stated by Cristina Burelli, founder of SOSOrinoco: PIR's recognition fills us with pride as it helps us to give greater international visibility to the environmental tragedy that is occurring virtually unnoticed under the tyranny of the criminal Nicolás Maduro. The dedicated and courageous SOSOrinoco team continues to document and denounce the ecocide and indigenous rights abuses being promoted by the Maduro regime, while the regime nomenclature get rich and turn a blind eye to others.

The Bolivarian Armed Forces, the main support of the regime, are essential accomplices since the area in question is under their absolute control. The coexistence of the military with Venezuelan organized armed groups such as the Tren de Aragua and foreigners such as the ELN, FARC, Mexican cartels, etc., is one of the most serious problems we face today and complicates any scenario of transition and remediation.

All winners will be revealed at an in-person awards ceremony on October 8 in Washington, D.C. Finalists from around the world will gather for the event, with each receiving a donation of \$2,500 USD. Additionally, all finalists, including SOSOrinoco, will compete for larger donations ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000 USD.

The 35 finalists represent the top five entries in each of the seven award categories:

- Community Building
- Quality Education for All
- Environmental Stewardship
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Health and Healing
- Hunger and Poverty
- Rising Stars (leaders under 25 making a difference in their communities)

SOSOrinoco is a finalist in the Environmental Stewardship category. Winners across all categories, including the prestigious .ORG of the Year, will be announced during the .ORG Impact Awards celebration on October 8. The .ORG of the Year winner will receive a \$50,000 USD donation, while winners of the other categories will each receive \$10,000 USD. Beyond the financial award, the recognition from the .ORG Impact Awards will help elevate the profiles of winning organizations, boosting donations, funding, talent acquisition, partnership development, and audience reach.

For complete rules and more information, please visit www.orgimpactawards.org.

About Public Interest Registry

Public Interest Registry (PIR) is a nonprofit that operates the .ORG top-level domain—one of the world's largest generic top-level domains with more than 11 million domain names registered worldwide. .ORG is open to everyone, providing a global platform for organizations, associations, clubs, businesses and individuals to bring their ideas to life. PIR has been a champion for a free and open Internet for two decades with a clear mission to be an exemplary domain name registry, provide a trusted digital identity and help educate those who dedicate themselves to improving our world. PIR was founded by the Internet Society (internetsociety.org) in 2002 and is based in Reston, Virginia, USA. Visit www.pir.org for more information.