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The Kayapo Project — including **Biome Conservation**, **The Protected Forest Association**, **The Kabu Institute**, and **Instituto Raoni** — present the April 2026 edition

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COVER STORY • GLOBAL STAGE

Three Kayapo Organizations Share the COP 30 Stage in Belém

In November 2025, COP 30 occurred in the Kayapo's backyard of Belém, Pará. The event provided opportunities for Biome's three Kayapo NGO partners — [Associação Floresta Protegida \(AFP\)](#), [Instituto Kabu \(IK\)](#), and [Instituto Raoni \(IR\)](#) — to share the stage to debate and discuss their work together and with national and international partners.

These events were important to bring together the three largest Kayapo

organizations to a single stage for debate and discussion on their shared challenges, and to solidify their shared commitment to territorial and cultural protection within the Kayapo–NGO alliance.

Together they stand unified in the protection of Kayapo culture and lands, including more than 9 million hectares of tropical forest. [Read more >](#)



Kayapo leaders and NGO partners share a panel stage at COP 30, held in Belém, Pará.

LEADERSHIP

Kayapo Women Expand on Local and Global Leadership Roles



Delegates from AFP villages gather for a week of planning. Photo: Ngrenhrere Kayapó.

In September 2025, following the 4th annual Indigenous Women's March, delegates from the AFP's villages came together for a week of planning to strengthen women's roles in their communities. Workshops focused on women's health and addressing gender-based violence.

Participants identified priorities for the future: 1) expanding access to education for girls; 2) increasing women in leadership; and 3) creating new opportunities for income generation.

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FEATURED STAFF

Nhaky Kayapó



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She also leads initiatives that promote women's autonomy and support income generation through projects such as the sale of elaborate beaded jewelry, textiles, and sewing. These initiatives are specifically designed to reinforce women's knowledge and culture.

ON THE FIELD



CAUGHT ON CAMERA

Jaguar "Rop Krori"

An estimated half of the world's remaining jaguars reside in Brazil. The Kayapó Territory is considered one of the world's top 10 hotspots for jaguars ([Bogoni et al. 2023](#)). Camera traps placed throughout the territory continue to document the health of these apex predators and the forest that sustains them.



GUARD POST HIGHLIGHT

Pi-ydjám

The Kayapo Territorial Monitoring and Surveillance Program is a network of 17 guard posts. Each guard post presents its own set of logistical challenges. For example, delivering supplies to Pi-ydjám is a major undertaking, involving 350 km of driving and a 3–4 day boat trip. [Read about the Kayapo Guard Post Program >](#)

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