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***Yasuni: Two Seconds of Life***

Wild, Leonardo. *Yasuni: Two Seconds of Life*. Ecuador/USA/Austria: WildWorks Producciones, 2010. 16 mm, 90 min. <https://youtu.be/7pUQYTX99z8>.

*Yasuni: Two Seconds of Life* is about Ecuador's President Rafael Correa's unique suggestion to leave the oil found in Yasuní national park "in the ground" and protect the rainforest. In return, the industrialized countries are expected to make a contribution to the preservation of the planet's "green lungs": in fact half of the price Ecuador would receive for the oil. This money will then be used to finance sustainable energy projects, for the protection of the rainforest which holds the world's greatest bio-diversity as well as for the indigenous peoples living in the Yasuní-ITT block. The documentary sheds light on this exceptional offer to the world community and lets every party involved have a say, be it politicians, scientists, representatives of oil companies or indigenous people. This extensive, partly disturbing picture is rounded out by a musical journey through Ecuador. (Source: [Official Film Website](#))

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<https://www.environmentandsociety.org/mml/future-without-oil>
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