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Amazonia Eterna

Thiltges, Paul. *Amazonia Eterna.* Rio de Janeiro: Giros Producoes, 2012. 35 mm, 88 min. https://youtu.be/Q2zez1ydR24.

> Today, the incomparably beautiful Amazon rainforest is a vast laboratory for experiments that are redefining the relationship between humans and nature. But what is the worth of this invisible commodity and who should profit from it? This cinematic film offers a sensory journey into the Amazonian ecosystem. The size of Western Europe, the Amazon holds 20% of the world's fresh water and 10% of its animal and plant species. The fate of this vast rainforest is the fate of the whole planet. Today conservationists and the authorities are waking up to the value of the ancient tribal knowledge within the Amazon's indigenous communities. Tradition, new technology, enterprise and sustainable economics are powering the way for man and nature to co-exist harmoniously. Experts now argue that unless we place financial value to the rainforest while it stands, it will always be worth more cut down. Macro-initiatives in farming, fishing and forestry are making use of local tribal knowledge are bringing a renewed life to communities across the Amazon basin. (Source: Adapted from Journeyman Pictures)

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