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Category	Winner	Citation	Runner-up	Citation
<b>BEST PEOPLE'S DEFENSE</b>	<b>Bolivia's Quinoa Farmers</b>	For courageously confronting the Quinoa patent, taking the issue to the UN General Assembly, and forcing the holders to abandon their claim.	<b>Council of Indigenous Traditional Midwives &amp; Healers of Chiapas</b>	For demanding the termination of the \$2.5 million US government funded bioprospecting project in Chiapas, Mexico. The project leaders have refused to halt the project. They also refuse to publicly meet with the Mayan organizations who make up the Council and their supporters.
<b>BEST LEGAL DEFENSE</b>	<b>COICA &amp; the Amazon Coalition with the Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)</b>	For excellence in defeating the Ayahuasca patent in the USA and exposing the issue of predatory patenting	<b>Wapishana Indigenous Peoples of Guyana &amp; Brazil</b>	For challenging Conrad Gorinsky's patents on the Greenheart tree and the Cunani bush, which are based on indigenous knowledge of the Wapishana.
<b>BEST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION</b>	<b>FAO-CGIAR Trust Accord</b>	For their practical initiative and firm political defense of Farmers' Varieties despite the risk of offending Australia and the USA.	<b>None</b>	Thus far, the CBD has failed to live up to its potential and has done nothing significant to defend the rights of indigenous peoples or sovereign states.
<b>BEST NATIONAL DEFENSE</b>	<b>Philippines Government</b>	For introducing legislation intended to strengthen the rights of Indigenous Peoples and local communities against biopiracy.	<b>Indian Government &amp; the Indian People</b>	For challenging Turmeric, Neem, and other patents related to indigenous knowledge. Hopefully, the Basmati patent is next in line!

**\*Cog's were ships developed to withstand pirate attacks.**