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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Fossil fuel financing from the world's **60** largest banks has reached USD **\$5.5 trillion** in the seven years since the adoption of the Paris Agreement, with **\$669 billion** in fossil fuel financing in 2022 alone. This report examines commercial and investment bank financing for the fossil fuel industry, aggregating their leading roles in lending and underwriting debt and equity issuances. Fossil fuel financing plateaued in 2020, rebounded in 2021, and leveled out again in 2022 owing to unusual geopolitical and economic conditions, not shifts in bank policy.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 gave fossil fuel companies a chance to rake in record earnings totaling \$4 trillion.¹ Inflation, fears of oil and gas shortages, and higher interest rates made for unique market conditions for fossil fuel companies and their bankers last year.

Fossil fuel financing continues to be dominated by a handful of banks based in the United States, Canada, and Japan. For the first year since 2019 when we began reporting on financing for all fossil fuels, a Canadian bank, Royal Bank of Canada (RBC), ranks #1 as the worst financier of fossil fuels. RBC provided fossil fuel companies **\$41 billion** in 2022, an increase over its 2021 financing, making for a total of \$252.5 billion since 2016. JPMorgan **Chase** continues to be the worst bank overall since the Paris Agreement. It financed \$39 billion in 2022, making a total of **\$434** billion since 2016. Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group (MUFG) ranks as the worst of the Asian banks, financing \$29.5 billion, and French bank BNP Paribas is the worst in Europe, financing \$20 billion in 2022.

Our analysis of fossil fuel financing policies (p. 22) and net zero commitments (p. 26) by all 60 banks shows that despite their net zero language, banks' policies could be doing more to align with global climate commitments. Of

the 60 banks that are profiled in this report, 59 do not have policies robust enough to meet the goal of keeping global warming below 1.5°C. Some banks strengthened their policies, but few are sufficient to meet the challenge of the moment.

In a special essay (p. 38), the Indigenous Environmental Network points out that climate change mitigation consists almost entirely of market mechanisms that do not produce real emissions reductions, but do threaten Indigenous sovereignty and territory. They call for climate change mitigation that centers people in the energy transition and that keeps fossil fuels in the ground.

In addition to reporting on financing for all fossil fuels, Banking on Climate Chaos 2023 also assesses bank financing for top companies expanding fossil fuels and active in several spotlight fossil fuel sectors. Details on our findings are on the next page:

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Expansion: The 60 banks profiled in this report funneled \$150 billion in 2022 into the top 100 companies expanding fossil fuels, including TC Energy, TotalEnergies, Venture Global, ConocoPhillips, and Saudi Aramco. Of the 60 banks in scope, 49 have committed to net zero emissions. Our data calls those commitments into question, since these 49 banks provided **81%** of the financing to the **100** top expanders in 2022.

Tar sands oil: The top tar sands companies received **\$21 billion** in financing in 2022, led by the biggest Canadian banks, who provided 89% of those funds. TD, RBC, and Bank of Montreal top the list.

Arctic oil and gas: Chinese banks ICBC, Agricultural Bank of China, and China Construction Bank led financing for Arctic oil and gas, which totaled **\$2.9 billion** for the top companies in this sector in 2022. Though fewer banks financed it in 2022 than in previous years, **26** banks are still financing Arctic oil and gas, including U.S. banks JPMorgan Chase, Citi, and Bank of America.

Amazon oil and gas: Spanish bank Santander leads financing for companies extracting in the Amazon biome, followed closely by U.S. bank Citi. Financing totaled \$769 million in 2022.

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Offshore oil and gas: European banks BNP Paribas, Crédit Agricole, and Japanese bank SMBC Group top the list of worst financiers of offshore oil and gas for 2022. Financing totaled \$34 billion in 2022.











Fracked oil and gas: Finance for the top 30 fracking companies totaled **\$67** billion in 2022, which is an 8% increase over the financing reported in 2021 for the top fracking companies. This increase is especially disturbing given the extreme methane emissions from fracking. RBC and JPMorgan Chase are the top financiers of fracked oil and gas in 2022.

Liquefied natural gas (LNG): The top bankers of liquefied "natural" gas (LNG) in 2022 were Mizuho, Morgan Stanley, JPMorgan Chase, ING, Citi, Goldman Sachs, and SMBC Group. Overall finance for the top **30** LNG companies increased by nearly **50%** from **\$15.2 billion** in 2021 to **\$23 billion** in 2022. Every project that reached a final investment decision in 2022 adds to the overshoot of the IEA's Net Zero by 2050 scenario.

Coal mining: Of the \$13 billion in financing that went to the world's 30 largest coal mining companies, 87% was provided by banks located in China, led by China CITIC Bank, China Everbright Bank, and Industrial Bank. While financing to coal companies has declined overall since 2016, Canadian and United States banks modestly increased financing to these companies between 2021 and 2022.

Coal power: Of the financing to the world's top **30** companies in coal power, **97%** was provided by Chinese banks. These companies, which have plans to expand coal power capacity, received \$29 billion from the profiled banks in 2022. Only 20 banks participated in coal power financing in 2022, down from 29 in 2021.

Full data sets - including fossil fuel finance data, policy scores, and stories from the frontlines - are available for download at: BankingonClimateChaos.org



- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC),

Climate-fueled disasters exacted a devastating toll across the world again in 2022, from record flooding in Pakistan to blazing heat waves and devastating droughts all along the Northern hemisphere from California to China.² At the very same time, fossil fuel companies made record profits and banks continued financing fossil fuel expansion.³

This report profiles the world's top **60** banks by assets, ranking them according to the financing - lending and underwriting - they have provided to fossil fuel companies since 2016, the year the Paris Agreement went into effect. The **60** largest banks continued to finance fossil fuel companies to the tune of \$669 billion in 2022 alone.

In order to have a chance at avoiding unacceptable harm to millions of people alive today and countless generations to come, fossil fuel expansion must stop, and use of fossil fuels across all sectors must decline rapidly.⁴ The world's preeminent energy and climate experts have drawn a clear line in the sand: Any new fossil fuel development after 2021 risks our ability to keep global warming below 1.5°C.⁵ Potential emissions from fossil fuels already in production or under construction — the wells already drilled or being drilled, the mines already dug - already take the world well past 2°C of global warming.

The clear conclusion is that the world cannot afford any fossil fuel expansion: no new oil and gas fields, no new coal mines, no new or expanded oil and gas pipelines, no new LNG terminals, no new coal-fired power plants.⁶ Once an oil, gas, or coal resource is developed, or a piece of fossil infrastructure is built, there is a very strong incentive to fully extract it or run it to the end of its economic life. New investments now risk locking in

Despite clear and dire warnings from climate experts, the world's biggest banks - including RBC, JPMorgan Chase, Citi, Bank of America, Scotiabank, MUFG, and Mizuho, among others - continue to pour billions of dollars into fossil fuel expansion. In 2022, the world's largest 60 banks provided \$150 billion in financing to the world's top 100 companies leading the expansion of oil, gas, and coal. This included **\$10.1** billion to TotalEnergies, **\$12.8 billion** to **TC Energy, \$8.4 billion** to ConocoPhillips, and **\$8.9** billion to Saudi Aramco, four of the world's most aggressive fossil fuel expanders. To read more about fossil fuel expansion, see "Big Oil Reality Check" beginning on p. 44.



Projected CO2 emissions from existing fossil fuel nfrastructure without additional abatement would exceed the remaining carbon budget for 1.5°C."

- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC),

INTRODUCTION

Every increment of global warming will intensify multiple and concurrent hazards."

decades of climate-warming emissions or becoming stranded assets.⁷ Any bank supporting any company that is expanding fossil fuels is driving climate chaos.

Banks have yet to make detailed, time-bound, public commitments to phase out financing for new fossil fuels, even though expansion now is fundamentally incompatible with limiting global temperature rise to less than 1.5° C. Throughout 2022, banks touted their net zero commitments and their 2030 emissions targets, but there are serious loopholes and inconsistencies in these targets, which are fully explained in the policy section of this report (see p. 22).⁸ Forty-nine of the **60** banks profiled in this report have made net zero commitments, with most of them doing so before 2022. This report reveals a troubling gap between their commitments and their real financing activities in the fossil fuel sector. These 49 banks with net zero commitments financed \$122 billion to the top 100 companies expanding fossil fuels in 2022.

"According to a large consensus across multiple modelled climate and energy pathways, developing any new oil and gas fields is incompatible with limiting warming to 1.5°C."

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In 2021, France's **La Banque Postale** committed to end financing for all companies expanding oil and gas, and to exit the sector completely by 2030. Consistent with this robust policy, La Banque Postale shows no financing for 2022 in this report. Until the remaining **59** banks in this report also enact policies to exclude financing for fossil fuel expansion, any commitments to net zero emissions are nothing more than greenwash.

Thirteen banks still have no fossil fuel exclusion policy strong enough to merit any points in our evaluation. This includes eleven out of the thirteen Chinese banks in scope, **State Bank of India**, and **U.S. Bancorp**. U.S. Bancorp lags far behind its peers' already inadequate policies.

Meanwhile, fossil fuel companies brought in record income – estimated at **\$4 trillion**

in 2022.⁹ Fossil fuel companies used the devastating war in Ukraine to profit at the expense of affordable energy and a just, equitable transition. Governments, especially in emerging economies, attempted to shield their populations from the worst impact of these high prices with **\$1 trillion** in energy consumption subsidies.¹⁰ This figure does not include the much higher toll of "implicit" subsidies that result from, for example, governments allowing fossil fuel companies to pollute without paying the full cost of the health and environmental damages they cause.¹ Those funds could instead have gone to Indigenous land defenders protecting against deforestation and resource extraction, or to frontline communities experiencing climate extremes, or to workers displaced by the transition away from fossil fuels.

In a special essay featured here (p. 36), the Indigenous Environmental Network argues that climate change mitigation consists almost entirely of false solutions that do not produce real emissions reductions, but do threaten Indigenous sovereignty and territory. Efforts to stop climate change must be trusted to and led by Indigenous Peoples, who control an estimated 80% of what remains of the Earth's land-based biodiversity.¹² This essay calls for climate change mitigation that begins with keeping fossil fuels in the ground and centers people in the energy transition.

Communities fighting fossil fuel exploitation have been calling out the disastrous consequences of fossil fuels for the planet and are leading the way towards a just transition. This report amplifies some of these stories. Fossil fuel financing continues to exacerbate

inequalities and result in human rights abuses, particularly in Indigenous, Black, and brown communities. Communities across the world are rising to this moment, from Mozambique, where families have been displaced by massive fossil extraction and export facilities, to the Philippines, where fragile ecosystems have been destroyed by oil spills and are threatened with new LNG terminals. In the United States, the massive buildout of LNG export terminals in the Gulf South violates the land rights of Indigenous Peoples and threatens the health, livelihoods, and environment of communities who have fought environmental racism for decades. A sampling of these destructive projects and the people organizing, building power, and raising their collective voices to fight them are mapped on page 36; see <u>BankingonClimateChaos.org/map</u> to hear directly from communities impacted by fossil fuel financing.

According to the latest IPCC synthesis report published in early 2023, the window of opportunity to keep global warming below below 1.5°C and to build a secure, liveable, and sustainable future is rapidly closing.¹³ Banks must enable a shift to a just and clean energy economy. The first step is an immediate end to financing new oil, gas, and coal supply or infrastructure. Every dollar spent on fossil fuel expansion is a dollar that is funding climate chaos.



"Fossil fuels are a dead end – for our planet, for humanity, and yes, for economies."

- UN Secretary-General António Guterres' statement on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 2022 repor

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Bank financing for approximately **2,000** group-level companies that are either independent or a parent company. Including subsidiaries of those companies, this report covers a total of **3,210** companies active across the fossil fuel life cycle.

RANK	BANK	2016	2017	2018
1	JPMORGAN CHASE	\$65.357 B	\$72.817 B	\$69.365 B
2	CITI	\$45.691 B	\$50.239 B	\$49.734 B
3	WELLS FARGO	\$37.581 B	\$55.955 B	\$62.524 B
4	BANK OF AMERICA	\$39.157 B	\$38.399 B	\$35.148 B
5	RBC	\$30.525 B	\$40.522 B	\$41.960 B
6	MUFG	\$26.255 B	\$27.662 B	\$37.747 B
7	BARCLAYS	\$31.846 B	\$32.098 B	\$26.857 B
8	MIZUHO	\$22.239 B	\$19.925 B	\$29.826 B
9	SCOTIABANK	\$20.590 B	\$26.393 B	\$29.231 B
10	TD	\$20.546 B	\$29.943 B	\$26.246 B
11	BNP PARIBAS	\$18.302 B	\$19.297 B	\$19.693 B
12	MORGAN STANLEY	\$24.808 B	\$26.503 B	\$22.995 B
13	HSBC	\$17.973 B	\$22.450 B	\$20.929 B
14	GOLDMAN SACHS	\$23.888 B	\$21.547 B	\$22.076 B
15	BANK OF MONTREAL	\$17.753 B	\$21.989 B	\$21.909 B
16	SMBC GROUP	\$11.135 B	\$12.452 B	\$17.087 B
17	BANK OF CHINA	\$26.815 B	\$13.941 B	\$22.765 B
18	ICBC	\$19.841 B	\$14.956 B	\$14.778 B
19	CIBC	\$12.758 B	\$15.443 B	\$12.852 B
20	CREDIT SUISSE	\$20.162 B	\$23.215 B	\$17.982 B
21	SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE	\$13.233 B	\$10.638 B	\$15.236 B
22	DEUTSCHE BANK	\$21.156 B	\$20.392 B	\$16.786 B
23	CRÉDIT AGRICOLE	\$9.123 B	\$11.570 B	\$13.604 B
24	AGRICULTURAL BANK OF CHINA	\$11.857 B	\$5.785 B	\$7.597 B
25	INDUSTRIAL BANK	\$8.804 B	\$8.429 B	\$12.631 B
26	CHINA CONSTRUCTION BANK	\$15.261 B	\$9.305 B	\$9.667 B
27	CHINA CITIC BANK	\$8.097 B	\$6.181 B	\$9.362 B
28	ING	\$9.163 B	\$8.655 B	\$12.107 B
29	SHANGHAI PUDONG DEVELOPMENT BANK	\$6.900 B	\$5.622 B	\$7.756 B
30	CHINA MERCHANTS BANK	\$9.440 B	\$3.996 B	\$7.828 B

2022	TOTAL 2016-2022
\$39.240 B	\$434.154 B
\$33.943 B	\$332.907 B
\$ 37.398 B	\$316.700 B
\$ 35,467 B	\$279.730 B
\$ 40.626 B	\$252.480 B
\$29.515 B	\$219.641 B
\$16.578 B	\$190.580 B
\$28.830 B	\$189.613 B
\$29.469 B	\$182.313 B
\$29.002 B	\$173.201 B
\$20.037 B	\$165,891 B
\$11.096 B	\$153.430 B
\$11.074 B	\$144.934 B
\$9.960 B	\$143.276 B
\$19.31 B	\$138.380 B
\$22.599 B	\$135.962 B
\$15.578 B	\$134.458 B
\$21.659 B	\$133.758 B
\$17.872 B	\$114.538 B
\$6.658 B	\$104.624 B
\$11.146 B	\$98.287 B
\$7.472 B	\$96.485 B
\$11.659 B	\$89.031 B
\$10.591 B	\$80.649 B
\$9.200 B	\$80.405 B

\$9.184 B

\$16.909 B

\$5.156 B

\$7.579 B

\$9.124 B

\$79.960 B

\$74.933 B

\$61.698 B

\$58.047 B

\$57.045 B

LEAGUE TABLE - Banking on Fossil Fuels

RANK	BANK	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
31	BPCE/NATIXIS	\$5.640 B	\$6.234 B	\$12.134 B	\$7.885 B	\$6.235 B	\$8.707 B	\$4.731 B
32	SANTANDER	\$6.644 B	\$5.107 B	\$5.010 B	\$9.458 B	\$10.243 B	\$8.065 B	\$6.640 B
33	CHINA EVERBRIGHT BANK	\$5.478 B	\$4.609 B	\$4.866 B	\$4.970 B	\$11.522 B	\$10.158 B	\$7.233 B
34	US BANCORP	\$3.471 B	\$6.273 B	\$6.323 B	\$4.461 B	\$7.959 B	\$9.894 B	\$8.793 B
35	PNC	\$2.731 B	\$4.954 B	\$8.005 B	\$5.982 B	\$5.075 B	\$7.108 B	\$12.606 B
36	STANDARD CHARTERED	\$2.782 B	\$5.421 B	\$10.246 B	\$8.384 B	\$7.087 B	\$7.124 B	\$5.111 B
37	UBS	\$8.135 B	\$9.661 B	\$11.434 B	\$6.326 B	\$2.550 B	\$4.195 B	\$2.843 B
38	BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS	\$4.659 B	\$3.693 B	\$5.169 B	\$5.621 B	\$7.146 B	\$9.665 B	\$9.190 B
39	UNICREDIT	\$6.211 B	\$6.519 B	\$5.038 B	\$5.527 B	\$8.883 B	\$4.895 B	\$5.729 B
40	PING AN INSURANCE GROUP	\$3.259 B	\$4.689 B	\$7.784 B	\$5.222 B	\$8.712 B	\$9.213 B	\$3.779 B
41	CHINA MINSHENG BANK	\$2.037 B	\$965 M	\$2.782 B	\$10.215 B	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$	\$2.369 B	\$1.888 B
2	STATE BANK OF INDIA	\$7.001 B	\$7.380 B	\$1.058 B	\$6.244 B	\$2.833 B	\$4.693 B	\$1.080 B
3	BBVA	\$4.905 B	\$3.489 B	\$4.974 B	\$4.981 B	\$5.072 B	\$3.594 B	\$2.497 B
Ļ	ANZ	\$3.238 B	\$2.838 B	\$4.264 B	\$3.536 B	\$3.157 B	\$1.509 B	\$3.749 B
5	INTESA SANPAOLO	\$4.238 B	\$2.035 B	\$4.372 B	\$1.567 B	\$1.995 B	\$3.575 B	\$3.251 B
5	NATWEST	\$3.859 B	\$2.789 B	\$3.512 B	\$1.625 B	\$2.110 B	\$1.926 B	\$1.167 B
,	KB FINANCIAL	\$2.704 B	\$1.446 B	\$5.609 B	\$1.886 B		\$888 M	\$996 M
	LLOYDS	\$2.881 B	\$2.890 B	\$2.364 B	\$1.507 B		\$1.306 B	\$1.806 B
	COMMERZBANK	\$1.019 B	\$2.742 B	\$2.514 B	\$3.675 B		\$1.271 B	\$1.168 B
	POSTAL SAVINGS BANK OF CHINA	\$164 M	\$984 M	\$1.668 B	\$3.198 B		\$3.744 B	\$2.528 B
	RABOBANK	\$2.335 B	\$1.888 B	\$2.130 B	\$1.934 B		\$2.214 B	\$1.734 B
	NORDEA BANK	\$2.852 B	\$2.219 B	\$1.325 B	\$2.178 B		\$1.072 B	\$927 M
3	WESTPAC	\$845 M	\$1.352 B	\$1.088 B	\$3.093 B		\$1.093 B	\$808 M
4	COMMONWEALTH BANK	\$1.303 B	\$668 M	\$1.906 B	\$956 M	\$1.757 B	\$1.063 B	\$494 M
5	CAIXABANK	\$730 M	\$703 M	\$1.385 B	\$1.865 B		\$477 M	\$2.216 B
6	DANSKE BANK	\$1.631 B	\$734 M	\$1.290 B	\$1.775 B		\$1.131 B	\$586 M
7	NAB	\$989 M	\$553 M	\$1.227 B	\$1.367 B		\$1.786 B	\$837 M
;	DZ BANK	\$249 M	\$298 M	\$390 M	\$353 M	\$406 M	\$127 M	\$122 M
,	CRÉDIT MUTUEL	\$20 M	\$16 M	\$228 M	\$109 M		\$14 M	\$122 M
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		\$738.289 B	\$769.470 B	\$834.396 B	\$863.829	B \$789.045 B	\$800.977 B	\$668.562 B

Since 2016, the year when the Paris Agreement entered into force, the world's 60 largest banks have together financed fossil fuel companies to the tune of **\$5.5 trillion**. In 2022, those banks provided financing - lending and underwriting for bonds and equities - worth **\$669 billion**. In 2022, Canadian bank Royal Bank of Canada (**RBC**) ranked #1 as the worst financier of fossil fuels for the year, edging out

JPMorgan Chase for the first time since 2019. **RBC** provided **\$41** billion in 2022, making for a total of **\$252.5 billion** since the Paris Agreement. This represents an increase of their financing over 2021. JPMorgan Chase retains its overall ranking for worst fossil fuel bank since 2016, having committed \$434 billion since the year the Paris Agreement went into effect.

In absolute numbers, U.S. banks remain the most significant global financiers of fossil fuels. However, RBC and other Canadian banks, as well as European and Japanese banks, have risen in the rankings this year. Canadian, Japanese, and French banks all increased their share of total financing from 2021 to 2022. U.S. banks provided **28%** of the total financing in 2022, slightly less than the 33% they provided in 2021.





Beyond RBC, several other banks increased their fossil fuel financing from 2021 to 2022. These include Spain's CaixaBank (364% increase), Australia's ANZ (148% increase), and the United States' PNC (77%)

FIFTEEN BANKS INCREASED FOSSIL FUEL FINANCING (FROM 2021-2022)

Amount of increase and percent change





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		\$7.	31 B +33.7%
	\$5.49	9 B +77.34%	
\$4.15 B	+23.74%		
\$4.04 B +	31.48%		
3.51 B +21.27%			
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\$4B		\$6B	\$81

THE DIRTY DOZEN 2022

Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 upended global energy markets and set the stage for an unusual year in fossil fuel finance. Fears of energy shortages, especially in Europe, drove up global oil and gas prices, a boon for companies otherwise facing long-term decline and stagnant profits. Together, fossil fuel companies made \$4 trillion in income in 2022, which they are using to pay down debt and woo shareholders with big buybacks and dividends.¹⁴ For the first time, total bank financing to fossil fuel companies was lower than it was in 2016.¹⁵ There is little to instill confidence that this shift will become a positive, long-term trend, because fossil fuel profits, not bank policies, were the most notable headline for 2022. Several big players in the oil and

gas sector did not borrow in 2022. For example, Occidental Petroleum Corp, which borrowed on average **\$11.2 billion** per year between 2016 and 2021, enjoyed a **722%** profit increase in 2022 and borrowed **\$0** (See Record Fossil Fuel Profits, p. 18). In the context of rising interest rates, a strong dollar, and wartime profits, fossil fuel companies have paid off their existing debts and relied less on debt markets to raise capital in 2022.16 Since most bank policies do not exclude financing for fossil fuel companies, there is no reason to think that 2022 is anything but a temporary outlier in the trajectory of fossil fuel finance.

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BANK	2022 FINANCING
RBC	\$40.6 BILLION
JPMORGAN CHASE	\$39.2 BILLION
WELLS FARGO	\$37.4 BILLION
BANK OF AMERICA	\$35.5 BILLION
СІТІ	\$33.9 BILLION
MUFG	\$29.5 BILLION
SCOTIABANK	\$29.4 BILLION
TD	\$29 BILLION
мізино	\$28.8 BILLION
SMBC GROUP	\$22.5 BILLION
ІСВС	\$21.6 BILLION
BNP PARIBAS	\$20 BILLION

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TOTALENERGIES SE SAIPEM SPA

STATE GRID CORP OF CHINA CHINA NATIONAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION (CNPC)

VITOL HOLDING BV TRAFIGURA GROUP PTE LTD

VITOL HOLDING BV ENBRIDGE INC

ENBRIDGE INC CANADA DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT CORP

VITOL HOLDING BV

MARATHON PETROLEUM CORP

TOURMALINE OIL CORP

ENBRIDGE INC

PETRÓLEOS MEXICANOS (PEMEX)

VITOL HOLDING BV ENBRIDGE INC

CITATION OIL & GAS CORP CRESCENT ENERGY CO

CRESCENT ENERGY CO

TC ENERGY CORP

SEMPRA ENERGY

ENBRIDGE INC

CANADA DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT CORP

RECORD FOSSIL FUEL PROFITS

Guardian

BP CEO pay more than doubles to \$12 million; emissions unchanged



REUTERS

'Monster profits' for energy giants reveal a self-destructive fossil fuel resurgence Oliver Milman in New York

Last year's combined \$200bn profit for the 'big five' oil and gas companies brings little hope of driving down emissions

Analysis



"Fossil fuel interests are now cynically using the war in Ukraine to lock in a high-carbon future. A shift to renewables is crucial to mending our broken global energy mix and offering hope to millions suffering climate impacts today."

- U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres, 2022²¹

Frequently, banks argue that fossil fuel companies need finance in order to transition to sustainable energy sources. However, this year has shown that this argument does not stand up.¹⁷ Some big oil and gas companies are even walking back their climate commitments, hungry for the shortterm profits that market volatility has brought them.¹

Fossil fuel companies could be setting themselves up for bigger borrowing in years to come as they appear to be on the cusp of the highest levels of expansion since 2016.¹⁹ Paying off debt typically improves credit ratings, which would enable fossil fuel companies to borrow at lower interest rates. According to Oil Change International's analysis of oil and gas companies' projected final investment decisions for 2023-2025, there is a major risk that 2022 will prove to have been the calm before the storm, rather than the beginning of a long-term trend in bank financing for fossil fuel expansion (see chart below).

WORLDWIDE BY YEAR



SOURCE: Estimates for 2022-2025 are drawn from Rystad Energy's UCube (October 2022) as analyzed in David Tong, "Investing in Disaster: Recent and Anticipated Final Investment Decisions for New Oil and Gas Production Beyond the 1.5°C Limit," Oil Change International, November 2022. Excludes shale.

And even in a year of astronomical fossil fuel profits - when a few big-ticket borrowers did not seek financing - banks still showered other fossil fuel companies with \$669 billion of financing. Ultimately, the volatility in energy and capital markets in 2022 is yet another sign that the dependence on fossil fuels is unsustainable, both for the climate and the economy. Now is the time to invest in a much-needed just energy transition.

BANK CLIENT PROFILE: Crescent Energy Company

Crescent Energy Company is a large oil and gas company expanding fossil fuel extraction in the central United States, including the Permian and Eagle Ford Basins. Crescent is a consolidated company that combines investment and extraction operations. They target large returns to investors driven by continual mergers and acquisitions, boasting of "strong year-over-year growth in production."²²

Crescent is owned by KKR, a **private equity** company that has been criticized for being inattentive to workers' rights, for their aggressive corporate takeovers, and for buying dirty energy assets.²³ Notably, KKR acquired a stake in the Coastal Gaslink pipeline in Canada, a project that the Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs oppose and which has spurred massive nationwide protests.²⁴ KKR is also involved in the dangerous LNG buildout in the U.S. Gulf South, owning a stake in Sempra Energy's Port Arthur LNG, a project that local communities oppose but which nonetheless reached a final investment decision in March 2023.²⁵

According to the Private Equity Stakeholder Project, private equity firms like KKR "are hardly regulated and exempt from most financial disclosures," allowing them to operate "under the shroud of darkness" when it comes to their energy investments.²⁶ Yet we see private equity firms such as KKR playing an increasingly important role in fossil fuel finance, enabling ongoing expansion. Despite KKR's track record and Crescent's fossil fuel expansion, the company was a major client of **Bank of America**, **Wells Fargo**, and **RBC** in 2022. Banks in this report financed **2.3 billion** in 2022 to Crescent, compared to **\$1.8 billion** in 2021, a **28%** increase.

THE LARGEST FOSSIL FUEL FINANCIERS SINCE THE PARIS AGREEMENT, 2016–2022



LENDING VS. UNDERWRITING: FINANCING BY ASSET CLASS, 2016–2022

A significant portion of bank fossil fuel financing over the last six years came in the form of bond and equity underwriting, as opposed to lending. In 2022, however, bond issuances dropped in proportion to loans, compared with the overall trend since 2016. This is consistent with an economywide pattern for bond issuances.²² Nonetheless, many bank fossil fuel exclusion policies apply only to lending, which leaves a massive **\$2.7 trillion** loophole for banks that do not include underwriting in their climate policies (See "Bank Fossil Fuel Policies: 2022 Trends," p. 22).

FINANCING BY ASSET CLASS (2022)

FINANCING BY ASSET CLASS (2016-2022)

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BANK FOSSIL FUEL POLICIES: 2022 TRENDS

Overall, according to analysis conducted by Reclaim Finance for this report, 2022 was a slow year for new fossil fuel financing policies. A handful of banks adopted policies to exclude financing for new oil and gas development projects, though these are not as ambitious as is needed. Only two banks adopted coal developer exclusion criteria for their existing clients, and one added criteria for new clients only. No other bank adopted a new policy or improved an existing one targeting coal expansion companies. Though ambitious exclusion policies remain the most important tool for climate and human rights protections, few banks have them.

For detailed policy scores, see the policy trackers developed by Reclaim Finance at: BankingonClimateChaos.org/policy2023.

Bank policies contain loopholes that still leave them exposed to climate risk. For example, underwriting bonds and equities accounted for 36% of all fossil fuel financing, though major banks exclude these activities from their fossil fuel policies (see p. 24). Bank policies also include loopholes based on sector, region, or project.

A real-world example of banks' weak policies is **ConocoPhillips**, which is expanding through the recently-approved Willow oildrilling project in the Arctic, among other projects.²⁸ In 2022, ConocoPhillips received financing for general corporate purposes from a syndicate including 12 banks profiled in this report - Bank of America, Barclays, Citi, Credit Suisse, HSBC, JPMorgan Chase, Mizuho, MUFG, RBC, SMBC Group, TD, and Wells Fargo. While **39** of the top **60** banks have some type of Arctic exclusion policy applicable to projects, this exclusion did not preclude financing for ConocoPhillips' Willow project, since the company sought financing for general corporate purposes rather than for a specific project. Financing designated for general corporate purposes clearly enables ConocoPhillips to pursue this and other destructive projects. ConocoPhillips also holds a 30% non-controlling interest in Sempra's proposed **Port Arthur LNG** export facility, which reached a final investment decision in March 2023.²⁹ As detailed below, very few banks have exclusion policies that apply to expansion of LNG or other midstream

infrastructure.

Thirteen banks still have no meritable fossil fuel exclusion policy. These include eleven out of the thirteen Chinese banks in scope (China CITIC Bank, China Construction Bank, China Everbright Bank, China Merchants Bank, China Minsheng Bank, Agricultural Bank of China, Bank of Communications, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, Industrial Bank, Shanghai Pudong Development Bank, and Ping An Insurance Group), State Bank of India, and U.S. Bancorp. The latter, which is newly in scope for this report, must urgently adopt a fossil fuel sector policy, as it falls behind its already lagging North American peers.

Some banks are doing better. French bank Crédit Mutuel stands out for its robust coal policy. La Banque Postale continues to have the strongest fossil fuel policy of the banks in this report's scope. The results of their robust policy are evidenced by \$0 financing for companies in our data set for the year of 2022.

COAL POLICIES

In 2022, only Barclays (weak commitment) and Lloyds Banking Group (moderate commitment) adopted coal developer exclusion criteria for their existing clients, and TD added criteria for new clients only. No other bank adopted a new policy or improved an existing one targeting coal

North American and Japanese banks made some policy updates last year, though these still lag behind their European counterparts, which

Key Observations on Coal Policies

47 banks have coal exclusion policies in place.

16 banks have an explicit exclusion of some coal developers for existing clients, among which 3 (Crédit Mutuel, La Banque Postale, **Unicredit**) exclude all companies with coal mining, power, or coal infrastructure expansion

47 banks have some project-level exclusion. 8 banks have only project exclusions and no or ultra-weak - exclusions at the corporate level (score 0).





themselves are lightyears away from best practices. While some banks have improved their project-level exclusion policies (SMBC for instance), this leaves the vast majority of the coal sector unimpeded, since it more often receives company-level, rather than project, financing. Some banks have adopted exclusion policies at the corporate level, but those



13 banks do not have coal exclusion policies

39 banks have policies that include corporatelevel exclusion and/or requirements for phaseout.

25 banks have some coal phaseout measures.

OIL & GAS POLICIES 🌮 🖨 🕌 👔 🚥

Of the **60** largest banks in this report: 40 have some restriction on financing oil and gas. None of the banks based in Asia have such restrictions. Bank policies focus mainly on unconventional sectors: Fracking (24 out of 40) Arctic (**39** out of **40**) **Offshore** (**17** out of **40**) **Tar sands** (**28** out of **40**)

Few policies target conventional oil and/or gas (16), and fewer target conventional gas (12) than conventional oil (16), but these numbers have almost doubled compared to our 2022 report.

Only a few policies address LNG terminal expansion:

- La Banque Postale excludes corporate and project finance for LNG expansion
- Crédit Mutuel excludes all project finance
- HSBC and ING partially exclude project finance (LNG terminals linked to new gas fields).
 - Some other banks, such as BNP Paribas and Société Générale, have more incomplete policies (for example with geographical loopholes).

FEW RESTRICTIONS ON CORPORATE FINANCE FOR EXPANSION COMPANIES

It has been almost two years since the International Energy Agency first announced that developing new oil and gas fields would harm the chances of keeping global warming below 1.5°C. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reiterated the point in its March 2023 report.³⁴ Still, most banks have failed to adopt stringent exclusion policies for companies expanding fossil fuels. Most bank policies restrict projectspecific finance, but do not exclude general corporate finance for companies, including those with expansion plans.

Danish **Danske Bank** recently adopted a new policy excluding All Canadian and U.S. banks are still at square one when it comes to oil and gas expansion policies. Under their current policies, they can companies with upstream expansion plans. This was the only in-scope bank to adopt a new commitment on fossil fuel expansion in the past continue to support companies developing new oil and/or gas projects year. With its latest policy, **HSBC** took a first step in the right direction. and also provide project and dedicated finance to most new extraction. When assessing the credibility of a company's transition plans, the bank will now evaluate a company's expansion plans. However, failure to stop Most fossil fuel exclusions apply only when a company seeks finance expanding is not a strict exclusion criterion. specifically designated for a fossil fuel **project**. Project-specific finance

A handful of other banks have incomplete policies mentioning oil and gas expansion, either only for new clients (**Commerzbank**) or for some unconventional sectors only (NatWest and Lloyds Banking Group).

PERCENTAGE TOTAL FINANCING (2016-2022)

Fossil fuel companies' debt is typically for general corporate purposes rather than for projects





All the other banks in scope have no explicit mention of oil and gas expansion in their policies. Some have made contradictory commitments regarding companies expanding fossil fuels. For instance, Crédit Mutuel hinted in earlier publications that it might restrict fossil fuel expansion financing, but such measures were nowhere to be found in its December 2022 policy update. In April, the bank finally announced plans to target expansion, though the new measures announced will not automatically meet their objective.

accounts for on average only about 4% of total finance annually. Since only a handful of the banks have meaningful exclusions that apply to general corporate finance, most of them can continue financing oil and gas activities without violating their own policies. Annually, this amounts to a \$750 billion loophole.

Project - (4%)

Corporate - (96%)

NET ZERO NETS NOTHING: TRACKING BANKS' COMMITMENTS

Since 2021, many banks have embraced net zero commitments as their key approach to tackling the climate crisis. Of the 60 banks featured in this report, 49 banks have in the last two years set some sort of net zero decarbonization targets, whether through the United Nations-convened Net-Zero Banking Alliance (NZBA) or of their own initiative. For more on the concept of net zero, see p. 28.

At the time of writing, 125+ banks have signed on to the NZBA, committing themselves to lower their financed emissions to net zero by 2050 in alignment with the Paris Agreement.³² At the time of writing, 43 of the banks profiled in this report are members of the Net-Zero Banking

Alliance. While it might seem like a positive development for banks to publicly commit to becoming "Paris-aligned", there is a real risk that banks' "net zero" targets amount to nothing more than greenwashing. So far, banks' targets are too low, leave controversial portfolios unaddressed, and rely heavily on carbon offsets and discredited technologies such as Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS), which are either unproven or proven not to work (see "False Solutions" on p. 33).

For a detailed assessment of banks' net zero commitments, see the tracker and summary developed by BankTrack at: BankingonClimateChaos.org/policy2023.

"The truth is that more and more businesses are making Net Zero === commitments, but benchmarks and criteria are often dubious or 🗌 murky and this can mislead consumers, investors, and regulators with false narratives. It feeds the culture of climate misinformation and confusion and leaves the door open to greenwashing." - U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres, 2023



Key Takeaways

49 out of the 60 banks have set long-term, institution-wide targets to achieve net zero by 2040, 2050, or 2060.

43 banks have set intermediate targets for 2030 for specific fossil fuel sectors: **39** banks have adopted targets for oil and gas

- >> 5 banks have adopted targets for coal
- **3** 41 banks have adopted targets for the power sector

Most targets are limited to upstream oil, gas, and thermal coal, excluding other crucial activities such as LNG, pipelines, and other fossil infrastructure

Of the **39** banks with oil and gas targets, **24** banks use an absolute emissions metric (see box "Absolute vs. Intensity Metrics" on p. 28). Three banks use an absolute portfolio metric, 11 banks use an intensitybased metric, and only **Danske Bank** uses a mix of intensity and absolute metrics.³⁴ Of the five banks with coal targets, three use an absolute emissions metric, one uses an intensity-based metric, and the last bank uses an absolute portfolio metric. All **41** banks with a power sector reduction target use intensitybased metrics.³

A total of 27 banks explicitly rely on unproven carbon offsets or Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) technologies to reach their net zero targets. Even in the best-case scenario, these technologies remain unproven and economically unviable.³

A major shortcoming of nearly all targets is that they apply exclusively to lending, and they exclude bond and equity underwriting. Only seven banks include both lending and underwriting in the scope of their targets, whereas over a third of the financing for the fossil fuel industry identified in this report is in the form of underwriting.

Troublingly, net zero commitments and emissions reductions targets do little to address fossil fuel expansion, even though we know that expansion is incompatible with achieving net zero. The **43** banks featured in this report that are part of the NZBA together financed \$111.6 billion in 2022 to the top 100 companies expanding fossil fuels.³⁷ Together with the six banks that have independently made net zero commitments, financing for these expansion companies amounts to \$122 billion, including \$9.9 billion to TotalEnergies, \$9.7 billion to TransCanada Pipelines, and \$8.4 billion to ConocoPhillips, three of the world's most aggressive fossil fuel expanders. The latest IPCC

report makes it clear that expansion reduces the likelihood of limiting warming to 1.5°C. Even without new fossil fuel development, "projected CO2 emissions from existing fossil fuel infrastructure without additional abatement would exceed the remaining carbon budget for 1.5°C."38 Banks must go farther than their current commitments and set short-, medium-, and long-term absolute emissions reduction targets for fossil fuel sectors' Scopes 1, 2, and 3 emissions. Targets must include sectorspecific fossil fuel exclusion and phase-out policies that are consistent with ambitious 1.5°C scenarios.

Banks typically use a combination of portfolio, intensity, and absolute emissions metrics to calculate and track their emissions reduction goals. A portfolio target is based on money rather than emissions and aims to reduce the amount of financing provided to a specific sector. Targets based on an absolute emissions metric aim to reduce the actual amount of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (CO2 and/or methane). Intensity targets also track emissions, looking at the relative "intensity" or amount of emissions associated on average with each dollar/euro financed or per unit of energy produced.

Climate change is driven by absolute, not relative, greenhouse gas **concentrations.** Thus, banks need to embrace absolute targets in order to make meaningful climate commitments. Using intensity targets

alone can be problematic, as emissions intensity can decrease even as a bank's absolute emissions increase. The UN High-Level Expert Group on the Net-Zero Emissions Commitments of Non-State Entities (HLEG) report issued in November 2022 recommends that "non-state actors must have short-, medium- and long-term absolute emissions reduction targets and, where appropriate, relative emissions reduction targets across their value chain that are at least consistent with the latest IPCC net zero greenhouse gas emissions modeled pathways that limit warming to 1.5°C with no or limited overshoot, and where global emissions decline at least 50% below 2020 levels by 2030, reaching net zero by 2050 or sooner."³⁹ While emissions intensity reductions can be appropriate as one component of a broader climate strategy, they must not supersede tangible absolute emissions reductions.

NET ZERO

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) concluded in its latest report that the world would need to reach net zero by the early 2050s to have a 50% chance at keeping global temperature rise below 1.5°C. As noted above, the UN High-Level Expert Group further dictates that non-state actors, which include the private banking sector, must reach net zero emissions by 2050. In order to avert the most catastrophic impacts of climate change, global greenhouse gas emissions must peak within the next several years. Because it will never be possible, even under the most ambitious scenario, to eliminate all emissions of greenhouse gases, the goal is to achieve net zero by balancing the amount of greenhouse gases released into the

atmosphere with the amount that are absorbed by natural carbon sinks or removed using new technologies. Burning fossil fuels makes that balance impossible. Corporate proponents of net zero often advocate for carbon offsets - planting more trees, capturing carbon from the air and burying it, or any of a number of other unproven schemes to 'net' out ongoing emissions from fossil fuels. Frontline groups and many scientists argue that 'net zero' will fail if emissions from fossil fuels do not rapidly fall, and that the goal must be to zero out emissions from burning fossil fuels. Corporate net zero targets not based on "deep, rapid and, in most cases, immediate" emissions cuts are delay tactics.

EQUITABLE AND JUST TRANSITIONS

The necessary global phaseout of fossil fuels must be equitable and significant harms – to the places where they are extracted. Frontline just. Communities that have done the least to contribute to the climate communities' economic and energy needs are rarely met through fossil crisis are the ones hardest hit by climate disaster. Poor and working fuel expansion. The only way to address those needs equitably is to shift people, those in the Global South, Indigenous Peoples, and colonized away from fossil fuels. Companies based in places that have already peoples are, in many cases, also bearing the costs of transitioning to a been enriched by them should now be making the steepest and most renewable energy economy. In 2022, while fossil fuel companies raked immediate cuts. in massive profits, high fossil fuel prices hit people hard, especially in emerging economies.⁴⁰ Meanwhile, globally, consumption of goods Though clean energy finance and investments are outside of the scope of this report, bank financing for those activities is increasing. and services by the wealthiest nations and individuals contributes disproportionately to emissions, especially from energy use.¹¹ The current Ambitious targets for financing renewables feature prominently in situation is neither equitable nor just. the climate commitments of many banks. Even so, current bank

financing for renewables is nowhere near the level required to keep The wealthiest have the highest cumulative emissions - and also global warming below 1.5°C. The most recent report from the IPCC affirms that "private finance flows for fossil fuels are still greater than the greatest capacity to take action in rapidly decarbonizing their activities. They have an obligation to make the most ambitious emission those for climate adaptation and mitigation."46 Categorically different reductions and invest in a just transition.⁴⁴ Climate-related adaptation levels of investments are needed in renewable energy generation and loss and damages in vulnerable countries must be paid by those and energy demand efficiency in order to avoid further instability in who are using the most energy and have made the most profit from energy markets, such as what was seen in 2022 following the Russian the current system. They must commit to immediately halting new fossil invasion of Ukraine.⁴⁶ In fact, according to recent research conducted fuel production and phasing out existing production in order to align by Bloomberg New Energy Finance, global banks are financing clean energy at a ratio of 0.8:1, a far cry from the 4:1 ratio the group says is needed by the end of the decade to achieve climate goals.⁴

Banks share the obligation to act in accordance with these mandates. Yet the data in this report show that banks are not doing so. Banks headquartered in countries with the greatest historical responsibility and most significant capacity to take action are not leading. To take the top banks in this year's report as examples, **94%** of the financing **RBC** provided and **85%** of financing provided by **JPMorgan Chase** in 2022 went to companies based in the United States and Canada. While those companies are extracting, transporting, processing, and burning fossil fuels all over the world, their profits are flowing to executives and investors in North America. Fossil fuels bring very few benefits - and

> "In 2021, the average North American emitted 11 times more energyrelated CO2 than the average African. Yet variations across income groups are even more significant. The top 1% of emitters globally each had carbon footprints of over 50 tonnes of CO2 in 2021, more than 1000 times greater than those of the bottom 1% of emitters."50

Renewable sources of energy have the potential to address energy poverty in places not already served by fossil fuels.⁴⁸ Even so, there are risks. Bank financing for renewables must take account of the unique risks in this emerging sector, such as the damage caused by lithium mining in Indigenous communities.⁴⁹ Banks must strive to reduce the cost of capital for new project developers so that the energy transition creates opportunities. Bank commitments must recognize the need for a just transition; they must prioritize finance for actors beyond the fossil fuel companies that have caused this crisis.

A fossil fuel phaseout must be accompanied by a transition away from an exploitative global energy system to one in which human rights are respected and resources are equitably distributed. A just energy system will necessarily be people-centered, focused on increasing energy access for everyone. This entails creating new jobs by investing in less destructive forms of energy; prioritizing climate resilience and adaptation; retraining transition-affected workers; protecting the rights and income of workers and communities during transition; implementing zero tolerance for violence against climate, forest, and rights defenders, especially women and Indigenous Peoples; democratically engaging those stakeholders throughout the transition; and addressing the energy access needs of vulnerable communities. Care must be taken not to finance renewables projects that contribute to the same systems of exploitation that have enabled fossil fuel extraction. For a just transition, fossil fuel polluters must pay the true costs of the loss and damages that people in historically low-emitting regions now face.

As of 2023, there is no global commitment to phasing out fossil fuels, despite the overwhelming reality that the world must end our dependence on dirty sources of energy.⁵⁰ The Paris Agreement made no mention of fossil fuels at all, and global institutions are failing to act on their own. As the Indigenous Environmental Network put it following the UN convening in Egypt, "The bottom line at COP27 should have been for

out of all fossil fuels, namely oil, gas and coal. This was not done."⁴⁸ This failure to address fossil fuels directly through global policy dramatically increases the risk of future energy insecurity, stranded assets, and harms to frontline communities. There is still an opportunity to make an orderly and just energy transition.

Vanuatu, Tuvalu, the European Parliament, the World Health Organisation, and **79 city and sub-national governments** around the world, including major urban centers like London, Paris, Bonn, and Los Angeles, have called on nation-states to develop a Fossil Fuel Non-**Proliferation Treaty.**⁵⁴ The treaty would be oriented around three pillars: non-proliferation, a fair phaseout, and a just transition. Proponents point out that the fossil fuel industry is planning to vastly exceed the 1.5°C goal of the Paris Agreement and it will take all of us to push them in the right direction. Noting that most of the governmental negotiations around fossil fuels are about emissions, rather than limiting upstream supply, the treaty would be the first international agreement of its kind to limit the expansion of fossil fuels.

Banks can endorse and sign onto the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty; doing so would have a bigger impact than their net zero

ANSI

"The Pacific will no longer accept the fossil fuel lie. We have the power and responsibility to lead, and we will. Pacific leaders called for the Paris Agreement to limit warming to 1.5°C, and have demanded an end to the development and expansion of fossil fuel extracting industries, starting with new coal mines. Pacific civil society has challenged the world to step up the fight for urgent fossil fuel phase out and effective climate action."

YOUTH DEM

AN END TO

WHILE THE CLIMATE CHANGES, EMISSIONS RISE

"With every additional increment of global warming, changes in extremes continue to become larger. Continued global warming is projected to further intensify the global water cycle, including its variability, global monsoon precipitation, and very - Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, ARG Synthesis Report, March 2023

"We know what we need to do: peak global emissions in just three years, by 2025, and cut emissions in half in less than eight years, by

> - Catherine McKenna, Chair, UN High-level Expert Group on the Net Zero Emissions Commitments of Non-State Entities, 2022

"Methane cuts are among the cheapest options to limit near-term global warming. There is just no excuse." - Fatih Birol, IEA Executive Director

PHOTO: Green Photograpy LLC / International Indigenous Youth Council (IIYC) / Fossil Free Future; Leonid Ikan / shutterstock

pre-industrial levels, and this warming has resulted in more frequent and devastated communities, ecosystems, and infrastructure. Deadly floods heat waves struck India, China, Europe, the U.S., and East Asia; and the

slower pace than in previous years.⁵⁵ Global emissions from fossil fuels

to more than the European Union's total annual gas imports from Russia prior to the invasion of Ukraine."³⁹ To date, there is no indication that the oil and gas industry has directed its windfall profits towards costeffective technology that would sufficiently reduce these emissions.⁶

KEEP IT IN THE GROUND

The message from scientists and human rights defenders is clear: The only path that will limit planetary warming to 1.5°C and meet our global climate goals is one that respects the autonomy, rights, and livelihoods and ends all new extraction of fossil fuels.⁶¹ A 'keep it in the ground' extraction in order to limit greenhouse gas emissions at the source. This strategy avoids further harm to communities where extraction

occurs and does justice to local voices, rights, and needs. Approaching the crisis by focusing solely on emissions leads to false solutions and relationship with the Earth. Lastly, extracting more fossil fuels, however they might theoretically be 'offset', has the net effect of locking in more emissions down the road, hampering the financial and socioeconomic sustainable forms of energy.

The only way to slow climate change and safeguard Indigenous rights is to keep fossil fuels in the ground. Following the guidance offered by decades of frontline land and water defenders - extraction of oil, gas, and coal must cease.

FALSE SOLUTIONS

Companies can avoid meaningful climate action through their "net zero" pledges because those commitments often rely on carbon offsets. "Offsets" broadly refer to actions aimed at counterbalancing carbon emissions: carbon markets, carbon offsets, climate-smart agriculture, climate geoengineering, reforestation, so-called nature-based solutions, or investments in low-carbon energy or industrial processes. Human and Indigenous rights defenders raise serious equity concerns about carbon offsets, which open the way for land grabs, dispossession Indigenous sovereignty, human rights abuses, and gaps in the integrity, accuracy, and efficacy of such projects are well documented. The increase in net zero pledges has stimulated the market for offsets.

"Real solutions are led by Indigenous Peoples, not co-opted with more greenwash."

- Indigenous Environmental Network, 2022

Commitments of Non-State Entities (HLEG), "too many non-state actors are currently engaging in a voluntary market where low prices and a lack of clear guidelines risk delaying the urgent near-term emission reductions needed to avoid the worst impacts of climate change." Meanwhile, new technologies like Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage (CCUS) are unlikely to yield change in greenhouse gases in the atmosphere in the near and medium terms. As of this writing, of those which have been completed, most CCUS projects failed to reach projected targets. There is little evidence to suggest that any future projects would meet the threshold at which they could legitimately be Network puts it, "False solutions distract from the root causes of climate change and allow polluters to keep on polluting."

According to the UN High-Level Expert Group on the Net-Zero Emissions



Banking on Climate Chaos 2023 highlights the hundreds of billions of dollars that flow to the fossil fuel companies systematically polluting the planet. These financing numbers can seem quite abstract. But the impacts are anything but abstract for the millions of people who live on the frontlines of the extraction, processing, and transportation of fossil fuels. This report spotlights the fights of people opposing fossil fuels on the ground and includes these voices to make it clear that bank financing for fossil fuels concretely impacts the everyday lives of people worldwide.

Climate change hits the frontlines first and worst. People living on the frontlines of climate chaos are predominantly Indigenous Peoples, Black and brown communities, low-wage workers, or smallholder farmers, communities expose our current system of extraction.



Whether it is protecting ancestral lands, fighting environmental racism, cutting through corporate greenwash, preventing pollution around schools and homes, prioritizing good green jobs, or saving species from human overconsumption, people on the frontlines win justice for communities and the planet by organizing and standing up to powerful financial interests. For a just future, people must follow the lead of those who are the most directly affected by fossil fuel extraction and the harmful pollution it produces. The featured frontline stories show how the world must meet this moment.

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Key banks: Société Générale, Bank of Nova Scotia (US), HSBC, ING, SMBC, Wells

Jawa 9 and 10 Coal Plants (Indonesia) Key companies: KEPCO, Barito Pacific, PT LN Key banks: Bank of China

This map highlights some of the most devastating examples of fossil fuel expansion. These projects harm the health and safety of local communities. The map notes the top companies involved in the projects and highlights which banks in this report's scope support each destructive project.

To learn more about these frontline stories directly from the impacted communities, visit BankingonClimateChaos.org/frontline-stories.



Kobe Coal Power plant (Japan)

Key banks: Mizuho, SMBC, MUFG

Key banks: ICBC, KB Financial, UBS

Linseed Field Power Corporation Key companies: Trans Mountain Corp.

Key banks: RBC. TD. Bank of Montreal

Resources Inc., Udenna Corp.

Key banks: ING Bank NV

Status: in construction

Status: in construction

FGEN LNG Corporation

Excelerate Energy L.P.

Status: planned/proposed

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Vires Energy Corporation

Batangas Clean Energy, Inc.

Shell Energy, Philippines, Inc.

CNOOC Phoenix Petroleum Philippines, Inc.

Key companies: KOBELCO (Kobe Steel)

Myanmar-China Oil and Gas pipelines

Key companies: CNPC, MOGE, POSCO, KOGAS, GAIL, ONGC

8 Proposed LNG Terminals in the Verde Island Passage (Phillippines)

Financiers of AG&P's LNG Terminal: China Bank Capital & China Bank

Key companies: First Gen Corporation, Atlantic Gulf and Pacific Co., Energy World

Corp Ltd. (Australia), A Brown Company, Inc., GEN X Energy LLC, LCT Energy and

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PNOC Status: planned/proposed

Status: proposed

29	8 Proposed Power Plants (Phillippines) Key companies: SMC Global Power Key banks: UBS, Credit Suisse (Hong Kong) Limited, DBS Bank Ltd Mizuho Securities Asia Limited, Standard Chartered Bank, Deutsche Bank & JPMorgan Chase
30	SMC-EERI Batangas Combined Cycle Power Plant Status: proposed
31	Batangas Clean Energy Natural Gas-Fired power plant Status: proposed
32	Lloyds Energy Ph, Floating Power plant Status: proposed
33	SMC Ilijan Power Plant Status: in operation
34	Batangas Clean Energy Natural Gas-Fired Power Plant Status: proposed
35	VIRES LNG-fired power plant barge Status: proposed floating gas plant in Batangas Bay
36	First Gen Santa Maria Natural Gas-Fired Combined Cycle Status: proposed
37	AC Energy Stealler Dual-Fired Power Plant Project



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INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' SOVEREIGNTY, Not False Solutions

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Our success in addressing climate change depends on how quickly we can limit extraction to keep fossil fuels in the ground. We must restructure our social and economic systems, replacing the business-as-usual, fossil-fueled, extractive, throwaway economy with one that protects people and the environment. However, in a time of climate crisis, Oil Majors reported record earnings in 2022 with many breaking industry records.⁶⁴ This pattern will continue as long as greenwashed climate change policies support it. Climate change mitigation consists almost entirely of carbon pricing, carbon offsets, carbon trading, and other schemes. From the United Nations (UN) to the state, 25 years of carbon games have not stopped fossil fuel extraction. Carbon accounting is in fact designed precisely so that polluters can continue extracting. That is why the only way to address climate change is to stop relying on carbon trading and other greenwashed mitigation and keep it in the ground (see box, p. 32).

In November 2022, the 27th Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC - COP 27) in Sharm-el-Sheik, Egypt, had a historic opportunity to address extractive industry profits, call out fossil fuel expansion plans, and hold financial institutions accountable for the climate crisis. Instead, they doubled down on the flawed systems that support fossil fuel industry extractivism. The core UNFCCC mitigation strategy is in Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, which authorizes international carbon markets. Negotiators debated the implementation plans for the controversial Article 6 at length, but without much resolution. Yet the details of Article 6 have serious and life-threatening consequences for Indigenous Peoples across the world. Carbon markets have already been a tool of violence and dispossession, and as they grow, they promise to expand the threat of false solutions.

Indigenous Peoples' Sovereignty

Indigenous Peoples should lead present and future climate change negotiations in order to center Indigenous Peoples' rights and sovereignty. We hold an estimated 80% of what remains of the Earth's land-based biodiversity in our lands and traditional territories.⁶⁵ Without Indigenous Peoples protecting and maintaining ecosystems, climate change would have already caused widespread planetary collapse. Indigenous Peoples hold sacred connections to Mother Earth and Father Sky who maintain the balance of life on this planet.

However, Indigenous Peoples' rights and sovereignty are threatened by colonizing governments that sanction deforestation, fossil fuel development, industrial agriculture, and carbon offsets, activities often undertaken



in Indigenous Peoples' territories without Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC). As things stand, nation-states and international decisionmaking bodies like the UN use legal language steeped in doctrines of conquest and racial discrimination. Their language erases Indigenous Peoples' sovereignty and jurisprudence over their lands, air, waters, and biodiversity.⁶⁶ At the UNFCCC's COP27 in Sharm-el-Sheik, language affirming Indigenous Peoples' rights was largely gutted in the final texts.⁶⁷ At the UN Conference on Biological Diversity (UNCBD) COP15 December 2022 meeting in Montreal, Indigenous rights were qualified and constrained. The decision-makers there suggested not that Indigenous Peoples should have jurisdictional authority, self-government, or self-determination. Instead they proposed a kind of resource comanagement that falls short of Indigenous Peoples' full rights.

fix Article 6 in the Paris Agreement; Protestors call on US President Biden to stop the Willow Project PHOTOS: IEN; People vs Fossil Fuels





Indigenous relatives take to the streets at COP25 to protest false solutions; Indigenous youth at COP25 in Madrid, Spain call on leaders to

False Solutions Threaten our Sovereignty and Livelihoods

Financial institutions and fossil fuel companies greenwash their destruction so that they can continue business as usual. Their desperation and access to power has led to climate mitigation and adaptation focused almost entirely on market-based carbon trading systems. In order to treat carbon as a commodity in a market trading system, it is necessary to claim property rights over all forms of Life. Carbon traders gain the power to target and commodify Indigenous Peoples' territories. Putting a price on carbon sequestered in forests, soils, water, and biodiversity is part of the predatory instinct of the Black Snake devastating the sacredness of Mother Earth and Father Sky. It disguises itself as respectful of Indigenous rights and Traditional Indigenous Knowledge, but it is an insidious form of capitalism that commodifies Nature on Mother Earth and corrupts the Sacred.

With billions at stake for new carbon market development and so called "nature-based solutions (NBS)," carbon traders are targeting Indigenous Peoples' territories across the world.⁶⁸ After 25 years of debate on

carbon trading, offset profiteers have pocketed billions through programs like Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (REDD+).⁶⁹ These programs have eroded Indigenous Peoples' sovereignty and done nothing to reduce carbon in the atmosphere.

Forest offset management companies target Indigenous territories because they are the most biodiverse places on the planet. Their offsetting projects are hotly contested and sadly,

result, the private sector did what they always do when challenged they rebranded. Under the new language of Nature-Based Solutions (NBS), forest-, soil-, and ocean-based offsets are often disguised to fool the public into believing they are a positive solution to climate change.⁷ As of 2021, 92% of countries' Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to meet emissions reductions under the UNFCCC included some form of NBS.⁷¹ In other words, the majority of the world lives in the fantasy that they can fix climate change without giving up fossil fuels.

Scratch the surface of the dubious NBS agenda and we find the same private sector polluters and carbon traders that already stand in the way of climate action. They form a predictable lineup of multinational corporations, investment banks, national governments,

intergovernmental bodies, and large non-governmental organizations. Fossil fuel companies embracing NBS include Shell, BP, Chevron, and ConocoPhillips, among others.⁷

Forest offsets have flourished in the last decade, and with them opportunities for harm. Between 2015-2019, forest credits increased significantly both in absolute amount and in share of the global market for offsets. The forestry sector represents the largest share of carbon credits issued over the period (42%).⁷³ The increase of forest credit trading since 2015 relied mainly on regional, national, or subnational credit mechanisms, which outcompeted international credit mechanisms under the Clean Development Mechanism of the Kyoto Protocol. However, private sector carbon offsets are rapidly increasing and can also generate credits for compliance markets.⁷⁴

The tremendous increase in offset markets was a key debate in Article 6 negotiations at the COP 27 in Sharm-el-Sheik in November 2022.75 Negotiators at Sharm-el-Sheik also debated how Article 6 markets

> will work with offsets for false, dangerous proposals for carbon dioxide removals (CDR) or carbon "removals," which include biological offsets (NBS), carbon capture & storage (CCS), direct air capture (DAC), climate geoengineering, and the euphemistically named "ocean fertilization," shorthand for dumping scrap metal into the ocean.⁷⁶ Negotiations will continue throughout 2023; regardless of the outcome, the increased power of the private sector in all aspects of climate change policy is deeply

problematic.⁷⁷ When the implementation rules are finalized, Article 6 of the Paris Agreement will build these markets on a global scale.

The emerging Article 6 system will have serious consequences for Indigenous Peoples because it will increase the volume of carbon credits, set us up for land grabs, and reduce accountability in the system. We at Indigenous Environmental Network have serious concerns about how the UN will monitor the new carbon trading platform, what accounting system will track the market, who will control it, and what role the private sector will play.⁷⁸ We are particularly concerned that the UN-authorized carbon trading platform will be a tool to funnel climate finance to private sector actors intent on monitoring and gaining access to Indigenous Peoples' territories.

Whose Climate Solutions?

Carbon pricing, markets, and offsets do not produce real emissions reductions.⁷⁹ Instead, they deepen climate chaos and thus threaten humanity with increasingly ferocious hurricanes, droughts, tornadoes, fires, and floods.

The 'solutions' pushed under the UNFCCC are false solutions that actively perpetuate the climate crisis. They distract from the root causes of climate change and they allow polluters to claim so-called net zero emissions reductions and keep on polluting. Market mechanisms are embraced because of their ability to generate profit and maximize private sector involvement, not because they reduce emissions or uphold Indigenous Peoples' rights and sovereignty. They do neither. Climate change thus has become the latest excuse for violent dispossession and cultural genocide. This is history repeating itself - it is the same paradigm that contributed to the climate crisis in the first place.

Efforts to stop climate change must be trusted to and led by Indigenous Peoples. Indigenous Peoples have a distinct spiritual and inherent relationship jurisprudence with their land and traditional territories, water, ecosystems, and all Life. The relationship is based on the territorial integrity and rights of Mother Earth and Nature. It is time for all people to listen to and stand with Indigenous Peoples. Therefore, to address climate change, the Black Snake of carbon pricing must end. Strategies for system change must center Indigenous Peoples' sovereignty and rights, and must begin by keeping fossil fuels in the ground.⁸⁰

nous Peoples protest false solutions at COP25; Indigenous relative protests the Line 3 pipeline invading Anishinaabe territory; Indigenous Peoples and allies hold action outside Chase Bank in Scotland at COP26 PHOTOS: IEN









This report is the fourteenth annual publication in a series of reports analyzing bank financing for fossil fuels. As in the 2022 edition, the report assesses comercial bank financing for the fossil fuel sector in general and for selected spotlight sectors. The report highlights bank support for, and policies regarding, companies actively expanding in fossil fuels, along with several key sectors: tar sands oil, Arctic oil and gas, Amazon oil and gas, offshore oil and gas, fracked oil and gas, LNG, coal mining, and coal-fired power. These fossil fuels are spotlighted due to their high environmental, social, and climate impacts, and/or their heightened risk of becoming stranded assets.

BANKING INDUSTRY SCOPE

This year's report again analyzes the world's 60 largest banks by assets according to Standard & Poor's.⁸¹ Due to year-on-year changes in bank sizes, 59 of these banks were included in last year's report, while one is new. See page 88 for details of all banks included.

FOSSIL FUEL FINANCING FOSSIL FUEL INDUSTRY SCOPE

Each of this report's league tables looks at bank financing for a different slice of the fossil fuel industry, as follows:

ALL FOSSIL FUELS

Scope: Approximately 2,000 group-level companies that are either independent or parent company — totaling 3,210 companies when including relevant subsidiaries that are involved in the extraction, transportation, transmission, distribution, combustion, trade, or storage of any fossil fuels or fossil-based electricity, globally, according to the Bloomberg Industry Classification Standard; or are on the Global Coal Exit List; or are on the Global Oil and Gas Exit List; or are in the scope of any of the other tables in the report, as described below. Only companies that received syndicated financing led by one of the 60 banks in scope are analyzed, which means that some fossil fuel companies are not included.

Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P.,⁸² Urgewald.,⁸³ and Rystad Energy AS provided by Oil Change International⁸⁴

FOSSIL FUEL EXPANSION

Scope: 100 top companies expanding fossil fuels⁸⁶ expenditure on oil and gas exploration

Source: Global Oil & Gas Exit List compiled by Urgewald.⁸⁶ Midstream Oil and Gas: Top 14 companies by LNG capacity proposed or under construction and top 11 companies by pipeline miles proposed or under construction, totaling 15 additional companies due to overlap — 10 of these 25 companies are among the 60 top upstream oil and gas expansion companies Source: Global Oil & Gas Exit List compiled by Urgewald.⁸ Coal: Top 12 coal mining expansion companies by annual coal production and coal mining expansion capacity and top 17 companies proposing new coal power plants installed and planned coal power capacity, totaling 25 companies due to overlap Source: Global Coal Exit List compiled by Urgewald.8

TAR SANDS OIL

Scope: Top 27 companies by tar sands production in 2021 plus short-term expansion, and the six companies with existing or proposed pipelines to carry tar sands oil out of Alberta in the past seven years Source: Global Oil & Gas Exit List compiled by Urgewald.⁸⁹ and Oil Sands Magazine⁹⁰



ARCTIC OIL AND GAS

Scope: Top 30 companies by Arctic oil and gas production⁹¹ in 2021 plus short-term expansion Source: Global Oil & Gas Exit List compiled by Urgewald.⁹

AMAZON OIL AND GAS

Scope: Top 21 companies with direct involvement in oil and gas extraction in the Amazon region as of 2022⁹³ Source: Research conducted by Stand Research Group⁹⁴

OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS

Scope: Top 30 companies by offshore oil and gas production in 2021 plus short-term expansion Source: Rystad Energy AS provided by Oil Change International⁹

FRACKED OIL AND GAS

Scope: Top 30 companies by fracked oil and gas production in 2021 plus short-term expansion and 10 key fracked oil and gas pipeline companies Source: Global Oil & Gas Exit List compiled by Urgewald⁹

LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG)

Scope: Top 30 companies by attributable capacity in current and planned LNG import or export terminals worldwide Source: Global Energy Monitor⁹⁷ and Global Oil & Gas Exit List compiled by Urgewald.⁹

COAL MINING

Scope: Top 30 companies by annual coal production plus coal mining capacity expansion plans Source: Global Coal Exit List compiled by Urgewald.

COAL POWER

Scope: Top 30 companies by installed plus planned coal power capacity Source: Global Coal Exit List compiled by Urgewald.

Upstream Oil and Gas: Top 55 companies by resources under development or field evaluation in 2022 (hereafter referred to as short-term expansion) and top 32 companies by exploration capital expenditure three-year average - totaling 60 companies due to overlap - these 60 companies are responsible for 77% of global short-term oil and gas expansion and 67% of capital

CALCULATING FINANCE FLOWS

For the companies included in this analysis, the report assessed each bank's leading involvement in corporate lending and underwriting transactions — including project finance where data were available between January 1, 2016, and December 31, 2022, inclusive.

Transaction data were primarily sourced from Bloomberg Finance L.P., in which case the value of a transaction is split between leading banks according to Bloomberg's league credit methodology.¹⁰¹ This methodology assigns banks league credit when financing is initially

issued or renewed, provided the event meets certain criteria. Additional project finance transactions in the LNG and coal power sectors were researched using the IJGlobal database, in which case all involved banks received credit for their participation in a deal.¹⁰² All deals marked as "Green Instruments" were removed from the data set; deals designated as "Sustainability Linked" or "Sustainability Bond/Loan" are included. This is a conservative choice since the precise definitions and requirements for these designations have not been standardized.¹⁰³

Each transaction was weighted based on the proportion of the borrower or issuer's operations devoted to the sector in question:

- on each company's overall fossil fuel-based assets, revenue, or operating income.¹⁰
- reserves).105
- proportion of pipeline capacity transporting tar sands or shale oil and gas, respectively.
- of the company's total assets.
- » For coal power, transactions were adjusted based on a company's share of coal in its generation capacity.¹⁰⁶

All amounts in this report are expressed in U.S. dollars unless otherwise indicated.

For more detailed methodology and frequently asked questions,

» For the league tables measuring financing for all fossil fuels, and the top fossil fuel expanders, transactions were adjusted based

» For the upstream oil and gas sectors, taking into account information from the recently published Global Oil and Gas Exit List, transactions were adjusted based on a company's production in the particular sector out of its total oil and gas production in a given year (whereas prior to the 2022 edition of this report adjusted these transactions based on a company's sector

» For the key pipeline companies included in the tar sands and fracked oil and gas sectors, adjusters were based on the estimated

» For LNG and coal mining, transactions were adjusted based on a company's total LNG-related or coal assets as a percentage



BIG OIL REALITY CHECK: Oil and Gas Companies are on Track to Surge New Expansion Incompatible with 1.5°C

The industry that has done the most to cause the climate crisis will not solve it. Peer reviewed research shows the oil and gas industry has already invested in producing more oil and gas than the world can afford to burn in order to limit global warming to 1.5°C.¹⁰⁷

No major oil and gas company has committed to ending new expansion beyond existing fields. While these companies claim to be part of the solution to the climate crisis, the reality is very different: They are digging in their heels on fossil fuel expansion by spending on exploration and

proposing new fields and wells for final investment decisions (FIDs). Recent Oil Change International research shows that there is a risk of huge new oil and gas expansion being approved between now and 2025 (see chart, p. 19). The total carbon pollution locked in by new oil and gas production sanctioned from 2022 to 2025 could amount to 70 Gt CO2.¹⁰⁸ This amounts to almost two years' worth of the world's current global annual energy-related carbon emissions.¹⁰⁹ The reality is that burning only the oil and gas in developed fields at the start of 2022 would already more than exhaust that carbon budget.

CO2 EMISSIONS 'COMMITTED' BY DEVELOPED OIL. GAS. AND COAL RESERVES. COMPARED TO REMAINING CARBON BUDGETS TO STAY WITHIN THE PARIS GOALS



SOURCE: Oil Change International analysis based on data from Rystad Energy, Trout et al. 2022, IPCC, and Global Carbon Project.1 Remaining carbon budgets shown are as of the start of 2022.

In the World Energy Outlook 2022, the International Energy Agency repudiated this, alongside announcing record profits.¹¹² Importantly, (IEA) confirmed its 2021 finding that no new oil or gas fields are even before this step backwards, BP had excluded around 30% of the "needed" beyond those already producing or under development carbon pollution associated with its extraction investments from that in a 1.5°C-aligned scenario.¹¹⁰ That the IEA reached this finding is commitment, and had taken few concrete steps to achieve it. Even particularly notable, because the agency was originally created with an express purpose of securing wealthy nations' access to oil, and because profitable assets, rather than leaving oil and gas in the ground. the IEA scenario itself relies on an extremely rapid, implausible growth in carbon capture and storage (CCS). Other scenarios have reached Several big oil and gas companies have published misleading "net similar conclusions on the need to immediately end new oil and gas zero" emissions pledges that contain vast loopholes. Many of these expansion and to reduce global oil and gas production by at least 65% pledges completely exclude the emissions that result from customers by 2050, compared to 2020 levels. Pathways that do not rely on CCS burning a company's products. For example, ExxonMobil's "net zero" require oil and gas production to decline significantly faster - by nearly pledge includes only its Scope 1 and 2 emissions from its operated 50% by 2030, relative to 2020 levels. assets - even though over 85% of its corporate emissions come from its customers burning the oil and gas it sells.¹

A 2022 report from Oil Change International (endorsed by over 45 other civil society organizations) analyzed the climate commitments of eight of the largest integrated oil and gas companies - BP, Chevron, Eni, Equinor, ExxonMobil, Repsol, Shell, and TotalEnergies (the "oil majors") in light of the ambition and integrity required to achieve a 1.5°C-aligned phaseout of oil and fossil gas use. Of the oil majors' climate strategies, plans, and pledges evaluated in that report, none comes close to alignment with the Paris Agreement.¹

Last year, only one oil major, BP, had planned to make an absolute cut to oil and gas extraction by 2030 - and it has subsequently

worse, BP made clear that it would reduce production by selling its least

Several companies have released either new climate promises or plans over the last year. Ultimately, however, no major oil and gas company has released a climate pledge or sustainability plan that meets the bare minimum criteria for alignment with the Paris Agreement. Some even backslid from their previous pledges.¹¹⁵ Given their track record, it is guestionable whether these companies can be trusted to make the energy transition the world desperately needs.¹¹⁶ Fossil fuel companies that are obstructing the energy transition should not be financed by any financial institution that wishes to align with the Paris Agreement. Bank financing for the top **100** key oil, gas, and coal companies expanding fossil fuels in 2022, based on research by Urgewald for the Global Oil & Gas Exit List 2022 and the Global Coal Exit List 2022.

RANK	BANK	2016	2017	2018		2019	2020	2021	2022	TOT/ 2016-2
1	JPMORGAN CHASE	\$23.876 B	\$16.325 B	\$15.667 B		\$23.671 B	\$28.211 B	\$20.200 B	\$11.249 B	\$139.1
2	CITI	\$14.929 B	\$9.142 B	\$9.639 B		\$25.438 B	\$25.775 B	\$18.458 B	\$10.122 B	\$113.5
3	BANK OF AMERICA	\$15.114 B	\$5.825 B	\$7.382 B	_	\$20.272 B	\$24.133 B	\$9.808 B	\$4.657 B	\$87.1
4	BNP PARIBAS	\$4.751 B	\$4.362 B	\$4.744 B		\$13.867 B	\$26.374 B	\$4.579 B	\$5.446 B	\$64.1
5	RBC	\$8.221 B	\$9.227 B	\$9.193 B	_	\$10.916 B	\$4.328 B	\$9.145 B	\$6.586 B	\$57.6
6	MORGAN STANLEY	\$10.763 B	\$5.974 B	\$6.341 B		\$11.121 B	\$12.798 B	\$7.184 B	\$2.915 B	\$57.0
7	BARCLAYS	\$12.538 B	\$5.907 B	\$5.780 B	_	\$10.098 B	\$15.611 B	\$3.695 B	\$2.150 B	\$55.7
8	HSBC	\$5.854 B	\$7.334 B	\$4.161 B		\$11.478 B	\$15.804 B	\$8.831 B	\$1.568 B	\$55.0
9	ICBC	\$10.471 B	\$3.864 B	\$5.846 B	-	\$10.476 B	\$10.327 B	\$5.904 B	\$5.634 B	\$52.5
10	MUFG	\$4.665 B	\$7.939 B	\$5.811 B		\$8.850 B	\$9.338 B	\$8.015 B	\$6.330 B	\$50.9
11	GOLDMAN SACHS	\$8.540 B	\$2.653 B	\$2.774 B		\$9.993 B	\$7.950 B	\$9.129 B	\$2.563 B	\$43.6
12	WELLS FARGO	\$5.212 B	\$5.560 B	\$6.330 B		\$8.767 B	\$5.692 B	\$7.333 B	\$4.290 B	\$43.1
13	BANK OF CHINA	\$7.296 B	\$4.317 B	\$6.505 B	-	\$8.593 B	\$8.237 B	\$5.013 B	\$2.825 B	\$42.7
14	MIZUHO	\$5.045 B	\$3.117 B	\$5.758 B		\$9.260 B	\$5.406 B	\$8.104 B	\$5.498 B	\$42.1
15	BANK OF MONTREAL	\$5.820 B	\$6.047 B	\$6.416 B	-	\$6.265 B	\$5.146 B	\$6.314 B	\$6.067 B	\$42.0
16	TD	\$5.520 B	\$10.257 B	\$5.967 B		\$5.296 B	\$2.816 B	\$4.497 B	\$4.271 B	\$38.0
17	SMBC GROUP	\$3.368 B	\$2.819 B	\$4.452 B	-	\$7.014 B	\$7.714 B	\$6.018 B	\$5.594 B	\$36.9
18	CRÉDIT AGRICOLE	\$3.253 B	\$3.107 B	\$3.359 B		\$5.817 B	\$9.509 B	\$4.120 B	\$6.062 B	\$35.2
19	SCOTIABANK	\$1.804 B	\$4.711 B	\$4.778 B	-	\$5.349 B	\$3.988 B	\$7.173 B	\$6.953 B	\$34.7
20	DEUTSCHE BANK	\$9.798 B	\$5.464 B	\$4.126 B		\$2.683 B	\$4.234 B	\$3.963 B	\$2.029 B	\$32.2
21	SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE	\$3.558 B	\$1.016 B	\$3.228 B		\$6.381 B	\$9.362 B	\$4.886 B	\$3.397 B	\$31.8
22	CHINA CONSTRUCTION BANK	\$6.440 B	\$2.770 B	\$3.661 B		\$5.483 B	\$5.393 B	\$4.216 B	\$3.653 B	\$31.6
23	AGRICULTURAL BANK OF CHINA	\$6.110 B	\$1.540 B	\$1.583 B		\$5.166 B	\$7.464 B	\$2.828 B	\$3.542 B	\$28.2
24	INDUSTRIAL BANK	\$2.585 B	\$3.176 B	\$4.003 B		\$2.729 B	\$5.707 B	\$4.641 B	\$2.710 B	\$25.5
25	CHINA CITIC BANK	\$4.125 B	\$2.624 B	\$2.717 B		\$5.447 B	\$2.930 B	\$2.760 B	\$4.034 B	\$24.6
26	SANTANDER	\$4.039 B	\$2.460 B	\$1.637 B		\$3.782 B	\$7.187 B	\$2.844 B	\$1.975 B	\$23.9
27	PING AN INSURANCE GROUP	\$1.409 B	\$3.914 B	\$5.468 B		\$2.510 B	\$4.786 B	\$4.074 B	\$1.480 B	\$23.6
28	CHINA EVERBRIGHT BANK	\$2.385 B	\$1.970 B	\$1.655 B		\$2.360 B	\$6.377 B	\$5.228 B	\$2.992 B	\$22.9
29	CHINA MERCHANTS BANK	\$4.075 B	\$1.423 B	\$4.193 B		\$2.912 B	\$3.052 B	\$3.902 B	\$2.757 B	\$22.3
30	CREDIT SUISSE	\$7.069 B	\$2.604 B	\$2.147 B		\$3.516 B	\$2.040 B	\$1.875 B	\$1.456 B	\$20.7

LEAGUE TABLE - Banking on Fossil Fuel Expansion

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RANK	BANK	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2016-20
31	CHINA MINSHENG BANK	\$518 M	\$105 M	\$1.355 B	\$8.586 B	\$6.821 B	\$61 M	\$403 M	\$17.848
32	SHANGHAI PUDONG DEVELOPMENT BANK	\$3.132 B	\$1.594 B	\$1.992 B	\$3.047 B	\$3.043 B	\$1.046 B	\$2.063 B	\$15.91
33	CIBC	\$1.055 B	\$1.991 B	\$1.288 B	\$3.666 B	\$1.603 B	\$2.240 B	\$2.568 B	\$14.41
34	UBS	\$2.556 B	\$2.621 B	\$3.340 B	\$3.418 B	\$501 M	\$992 M	\$86 M	\$13.51
35	BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS	\$1.425 B	\$1.042 B	\$1.245 B	\$742 M	\$2.502 B	\$1.872 B	\$1.222 B	\$10.05
36	STATE BANK OF INDIA	\$433 M	\$597 M	\$269 M	\$5.494 B	\$1.522 B	\$695 M	\$482 M	\$9.49
37	UNICREDIT	\$1.310 B	\$485 M	\$1.271 B	\$371 M	\$3.196 B	\$1.58 B	\$633 M	\$8.84
38	BBVA	\$1.590 B	\$1.113 B	\$1.378 B	\$1.766 B	\$2.071 B	\$355 M	\$489 M	\$8.76
39	STANDARD CHARTERED	\$206 M	\$1.462 B	\$1.550 B	\$1.329 B	\$2.044 B	\$1.070 B	\$573 M	\$8.23
40	POSTAL SAVINGS BANK OF CHINA	\$116 M	\$122 M	\$576 M	\$2.235 B	\$1.335 B	\$1.425 B	\$728 M	\$6.53
41	INTESA SANPAOLO	\$1.005 B	\$711 M	\$497 M	\$266 M	\$383 M	\$1.541 B	\$1.891 B	\$6.29
42	BPCE/NATIXIS	\$1.248 B	\$464 M	\$199 M	\$646 M	\$1.596 B	\$1.353 B	\$772 M	\$6.27
43	ING	\$90 M	\$251 M	\$1.674 B	\$1.341 B	\$429 M	\$927 M	\$1.117 B	\$5.82
44	PNC	-	\$736 M	\$350 M	\$609 M	\$849 M	\$437 M	\$2.657 B	\$5.63
45	ANZ	\$542 M	\$255 M	\$1.074 B	\$1.224 B	\$990 M	-	\$763 M	\$4.84
46	US BANCORP	\$236 M	\$163 M	\$80 M	-	\$1.424 B	\$632 M	\$1.046 B	\$3.58
47	NATWEST	\$310 M	\$535 M	\$520 M	\$354 M	\$890 M	\$707 M	\$46 M	\$3.36
48	LLOYDS	\$488 M	\$422 M	\$442 M	\$705 M	\$574 M	\$139 M	-	\$2.76
49	NORDEA BANK	\$450 M	\$1.116 B	\$50 M	\$364 M	-	\$730 M	-	\$2.71
50	WESTPAC	\$67 M	\$267 M	\$21 M	\$1.580 B	\$114 M	\$141 M	\$300 M	\$2.49
51	COMMERZBANK	\$40 M	\$310 M	\$508 M	\$624 M	\$530 M	\$325 M	\$46 M	\$2.38
52	COMMONWEALTH BANK	\$106 M	\$46 M	\$1.006 B	\$312 M	\$405 M	-	\$463 M	\$2.33
53	DANSKE BANK	\$200 M	\$80 M	-	\$364 M	-	\$431 M	-	\$1.07
54	CAIXABANK	-	\$54 M	-	\$93 M	\$134 M	\$107 M	\$503 M	\$891
55	KB FINANCIAL	\$155 M	\$154 M	\$67 M	\$84 M	\$232 M	-	\$46 M	\$737
56	NAB	\$65 M	\$46 M	\$66 M	\$169 M	\$158 M	\$141 M	\$46 M	\$692
57	RABOBANK	\$40 M	\$46 M	-	-	-	\$45 M	-	\$131
58	DZ BANK	-	\$75 M	-	-	-	-	-	\$75
	CRÉDIT MUTUEL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	LA BANQUE POSTALE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		\$226.017 B	\$164.312 B	\$176.142 B	\$294.899 B	\$321.033 B	\$213.728 B	\$149.749 B	\$1.54

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T = TRILLIONS



Mining and extraction of tar sands oil continues, despite the widespread contamination, climate impacts, and ongoing resistance by frontline and Indigenous communities. While Barclays announced it would cease financing for tar sands oil in 2022, TD expanded the financing it offered to major tar sands companies Trans Mountain and Plains All American Pipeline.¹¹⁷ The top tar sands companies received **\$22.9** billion in financing in 2022 from the **60** banks covered in this report. The top client overall in 2022 was **Trans Mountain**, a disastrous and costly pipeline project that has met fierce resistance from First Nations.¹¹⁸

Of the 60 banks in the scope of this report, 28 have a policy restricting some tar sands financing. However, most policies are limited to projectrelated transactions, which account for only about 4% of the tar sands oil syndicated lending and underwriting since the Paris Agreement.¹¹⁹

TAR SANDS FINANCING POLICIES BY QUALITY











LEAGUE TABLE - Banking on Tar Sands Oil

Bank financing for the top **27** top tar sands production companies and six key tar sands pipeline companies in 2022, based on research by Urgewald for the Global Oil & Gas Exit List 2022.

RANK	BANK	2022	TOTAL 2016-2022
1	TD	\$6.147 B	\$38.537 B
2	RBC	\$4.820 B	\$31.773 B
3	CIBC	\$1.698 B	\$15.717 B
4	BANK OF MONTREAL	\$4.602 B	\$15.660 B
5	SCOTIABANK	\$1.319 B	\$11.744 B
6	JPMORGAN CHASE	\$420 M	\$10.995 B
7	BARCLAYS	\$12 M	\$4.323 B
8	CITI	\$384 M	\$4.120 B
9	BANK OF AMERICA	\$196 M	\$4.009 B
10	HSBC	\$57 M	\$2.958 B
11	MUFG	\$160 M	\$2.245 B
12	WELLS FARGO	\$134 M	\$1.818 B
13	MIZUHO	\$289 M	\$1.799 B
14	MORGAN STANLEY	-	\$1.302 B
15	DEUTSCHE BANK	\$87 M	\$1.204 B
16	SMBC GROUP	\$110 M	\$1.037 B
17	BNP PARIBAS	\$115 M	\$1.019 B
18	CREDIT SUISSE	\$26 M	\$931 M
19	SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE	\$81 M	\$712 M
20	GOLDMAN SACHS	\$2 M	\$628 M
21	CRÉDIT AGRICOLE	\$82 M	\$481 M
22	ICBC	\$8 M	\$226 M
23	BANK OF CHINA	\$76 M	\$226 M
24	UBS	\$36 M	\$184 M
25	AGRICULTURAL BANK OF CHINA	\$17 M	\$122 M
26	CHINA CONSTRUCTION BANK	-	\$118 M
27	SANTANDER	-	\$91 M
28	BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS	-	\$89 M
29	CHINA CITIC BANK	\$64 M	\$64 M
30	INDUSTRIAL BANK	\$17 M	\$63 M



RANK	BANK	2022	TOTAL 2016-2022
31	STANDARD CHARTERED	-	\$57 M
32	BBVA	\$14 M	\$55 M
33	CHINA EVERBRIGHT BANK	\$8 M	\$45 M
34	BPCE/NATIXIS	-	\$35 M
35	ING	\$1 M	\$32 M
36	ANZ	-	\$30 M
37	LLOYDS	-	\$21 M
38	NATWEST	-	\$20 M
39	CHINA MERCHANTS BANK	-	\$18 M
40	COMMONWEALTH BANK	-	\$17 M
41	COMMERZBANK	-	\$17 M
42	UNICREDIT	-	\$14 M
43	INTESA SANPAOLO	\$8 M	\$12 M
44	CHINA MINSHENG BANK	-	\$12 M
45	SHANGHAI PUDONG DEVELOPMENT BANK	\$8 M	\$8 M
46	PNC	\$1 M	\$6 M
47	US BANCORP	\$1 M	\$6 M
	CAIXABANK	-	
	CRÉDIT MUTUEL	-	
	DANSKE BANK	-	
	DZ BANK	-	
	KB FINANCIAL	-	
	LA BANQUE POSTALE	-	
	NAB	-	
	NORDEA BANK	-	
	PING AN INSURANCE GROUP	-	
	POSTAL SAVINGS BANK OF CHINA	-	
	RABOBANK	-	
	STATE BANK OF INDIA	-	
	WESTPAC	-	-
	GRAND TOTAL	\$21 R	\$154.602 B

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Thanks to tireless efforts by the Gwich'in Steering Committee and Indigenous community partners through the Arctic region, 39 of the 60 banks covered in this report have an Arctic oil and gas policy.¹²⁰ However, most also use a very narrow definition of "the Arctic" that includes only the Arctic Circle. A 2021 report found that this definition excludes 168 oil and gas assets, which would be included if the Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme (AMAP) definition of the region was used.¹²

The ConocoPhillips' Willow project, approved by U.S. President Joseph Biden in March 2023, shows the shortcomings of existing Arctic exclusion policies. Following years of concerted pressure from Indigenous and environmental groups, all six major U.S. banks committed to rule out financing for projects in the Arctic. However, one major problem with how the banks' Arctic policies are written is that all six policies only restrict project-level financing. Considering the vast majority of bank financing for oil and gas is corporate financing — rather than project-specific financing — these exclusion policies create a massive loophole.

- Sovereign Iñupiat for a Living Arctic (SILA) response to the decision.¹²

In 2022, ConocoPhillips received financing from Bank of America, Citi, Credit Suisse, HSBC, JPMorgan Chase, Mizuho, MUFG, SMBC Group, TD, Wells Fargo, Barclays, and RBC. Since financing was general corporate financing and not project-specific financing, it was not subject to most banks' Arctic exclusion policies.

In their November 2022 report, BankTrack shows that Nordic banks have increased their financing for Arctic oil and gas.¹²³



ARCTIC OIL & GAS FINANCING POLICIES BY QUALITY







LEAGUE TABLE - Banking on Arctic Oil & Gas

Bank financing for the top **30** Arctic production companies in 2022, based on research by Urgewald for the Global Oil & Gas Exit List 2022.

RANK	BANK	2022	TOTAL 2016-2022
1	JPMORGAN CHASE	\$164 M	\$5.269 B
2	UNICREDIT	-	\$2.505 B
3	CITI	\$119 M	\$2.049 B
4	BARCLAYS	\$22 M	\$1.899 B
5	CRÉDIT AGRICOLE	\$107 M	\$1.898 B
6	SMBC GROUP	\$164 M	\$1.570 B
7	BANK OF AMERICA	\$106 M	\$1.500 B
8	MIZUHO	\$152 M	\$1.411 B
9	DEUTSCHE BANK	\$11 M	\$1.339 B
10	SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE	\$107 M	\$1.327 B
11	MUFG	\$152 M	\$1.296 B
12	CHINA MINSHENG BANK	-	\$1.270 B
13	INTESA SANPAOLO	\$11 M	\$1.055 B
14	HSBC	\$108 M	\$1.002 B
15	ICBC	\$536 M	\$973 M
16	BNP PARIBAS	\$132 M	\$932 M
17	MORGAN STANLEY	-	\$696 M
18	AGRICULTURAL BANK OF CHINA	\$333 M	\$633 M
19	GOLDMAN SACHS	-	\$606 M
20	BANK OF CHINA	-	\$508 M
21	COMMERZBANK	-	\$508 M
22	CREDIT SUISSE	\$106 M	\$502 M
23	UBS	\$2 M	\$480 M
24	TD	\$106 M	\$412 M
25	WELLS FARGO	\$106 M	\$351 M
26	STATE BANK OF INDIA	-	\$347 M
27	ING	\$14 M	\$336 M
28	SANTANDER	-	\$327 M
29	CHINA CONSTRUCTION BANK	\$203 M	\$324 M
30	RBC	\$70 M	\$294 M



RANK	BANK	2022	TOTAL 2016-2022
31	BPCE/NATIXIS	-	\$222 M
32	SHANGHAI PUDONG DEVELOPMENT BANK	-	\$210 M
33	DZ BANK	-	\$184 M
34	POSTAL SAVINGS BANK OF CHINA	-	\$109 M
35	CHINA CITIC BANK	-	\$105 M
36	PNC	\$47 M	\$103 M
37	US BANCORP	-	\$101 M
38	STANDARD CHARTERED	-	\$97 M
39	NORDEA BANK	\$14 M	\$93 M
40	BBVA	-	\$74 M
41	CIBC	-	\$54 M
42	ANZ	-	\$32 M
43	BANK OF MONTREAL	-	\$27 M
44	NATWEST	\$14 M	\$22 M
45	WESTPAC	-	\$18 M
46	DANSKE BANK	\$14 M	\$14 M
47	LLOYDS	-	\$8 M
48	CHINA MERCHANTS BANK	-	\$8 M
49	SCOTIABANK	-	\$6 M
50	COMMONWEALTH BANK	-	\$2 M
51	CAIXABANK	-	\$1 M
52	INDUSTRIAL BANK	-	\$1 M
	BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS	-	
	CHINA EVERBRIGHT BANK	-	
	CRÉDIT MUTUEL	-	
	KB FINANCIAL	-	
	LA BANQUE POSTALE	-	
	NAB	-	
	PING AN INSURANCE GROUP	-	
	RABOBANK	-	-



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GRAND TOTAL

\$35.109 B

\$2.918 B



AMAZON OIL & GAS Banking on Amazon Oil and Gas is presented for the first time this year, in collaboration with Amazon Watch and Stend Research Group. After pressure from Indigenous communities and advocacy groups, Only four banks have policies restricting financial support to companies banks have begun making commitments to phase out financing for oil active in Amazon oil and gas extraction - BNP Paribas, Société and gas extraction in the Amazon biome.¹²⁴ While this is promising, the Générale, Intesa Sanpaolo, and Standard Chartered. Additionally, commitments are not geographically comprehensive, and leave a lot of BNP Paribas, ING, Natixis, and Credit Suisse have made commitments unprotected and intact rainforest open for drilling. to exclude trade financing for Ecuadorian Amazon oil from their portfolios.¹²⁸ So far, though, no bank commitments encompass the entire This report analyzes transactions with 21 companies for which there Amazon biome. Bank policies should define the region according to the definition of Amazonia detailed by **RAISG**. Standard Chartered's and is evidence of **direct involvement** in oil and gas extraction in the Amazon biome in Brazil, Ecuador, Peru, and Colombia as defined by BNP Paribas' exclusions cover the "Amazon" or "Amazon Basin," while Amazonian Georeferenced Socio-Environmental Information Network Société Générale and Intesa Sanpaolo policies only include Amazon (RAISG).¹²⁵ Companies with a direct relationship to the region include regions of Ecuador and Peru.

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In 2022, Santander topped the list of financiers of Amazon oil and gas extraction. JPMorgan Chase, Citi, and Bank of America financed the most Amazon oil and gas overall since 2016. An investigation by Stand Oil and gas companies continue to destroy intact forest landscapes and Research Group and Amazon Watch in 2021 revealed that **JPMorgan** primary forests, driving biodiversity loss, violating Indigenous Peoples' Chase has the highest risk of complicity in Amazon forest destruction, rights, and causing pollution and corruption to soar. Studies show based on the weakness of its environmental and social policies and the that compared to land trusts or conservation initiatives, Indigenous volume of financing for companies operating in the biome.¹²⁶ HSBC and Peoples are the best stewards of forest biodiversity.¹²⁹ The protection Citi were also considered high risk, with insufficient policies to govern of the Amazon, and by extension the global climate, is therefore also a environmental and social hazards there. HSBC's clients include Amazon question of upholding Indigenous and human rights. There is a global oil drilling companies Frontera Energy Corp and Gran Tierra Energy imperative to keep forests standing. Inc. Citi financed Frontera, as well as the GeoPark Ltd acquisition of Amerisur - a major driller in the Colombian Amazon with a bad track record on environmental and social issues.¹²

"After 50 years of oil 'development,' the majority of the destruction is in our territories. It is our territories that are being destroyed...In all phases of extraction – from the moment concessions are signed, through exploration and extraction, our rights to consultation and consent have been violated."
Leonidas Iza, president of the Confederation of Indigenous Nationalities of Ecuador (CONAIE)



New and ongoing oil and gas extraction in the region is a gateway to deforestation. In order to reach extraction sites, developers build roads through intact rainforest, which opens new areas for exploitation, degradation, and deforestation.

LEAGUE TABLE - Banking on Amazon Oil & Gas

Bank financing for **21** top Amazon oil and gas companies in 2022, based on research by Stand Research Group.

RANK	BANK	2022	TOTAL 2016-2022
1	JPMORGAN CHASE	\$100 M	\$1.484 B
2	CITI	\$167 M	\$1.291 B
3	BANK OF AMERICA	\$105 M	\$1.146 B
4	HSBC	\$6 M	\$917 M
5	GOLDMAN SACHS	-	\$789 M
6	SANTANDER	\$169 M	\$718 M
7	SCOTIABANK	\$23 M	\$481 M
8	SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE	\$7 M	\$391 M
9	CREDIT SUISSE	\$2 M	\$352 M
10	UBS	\$101 M	\$119 M
11	RBC	-	\$105 M
12	MIZUHO	\$6 M	\$86 M
13	BNP PARIBAS	\$6 M	\$83 M
14	CRÉDIT AGRICOLE	\$2 M	\$52 M
15	ING	\$2 M	\$51 M
16	BPCE/NATIXIS	\$7 M	\$49 M
17	BBVA	\$6 M	\$48 M
18	SMBC GROUP	\$7 M	\$42 M
19	CAIXABANK	\$6 M	\$41 M
20	UNICREDIT	\$7 M	\$39 M
21	MORGAN STANLEY	-	\$33 M
22	MUFG	\$11 M	\$31 M
23	BANK OF CHINA	\$11 M	\$24 M
24	RABOBANK	\$2 M	\$21 M
25	COMMERZBANK	\$6 M	\$16 M
26	INTESA SANPAOLO	\$6 M	\$15 M
27	STANDARD CHARTERED	-	\$14 M
28	BARCLAYS	\$6 M	\$6 M
29	DZ BANK	-	\$3 M
30	DEUTSCHE BANK	-	\$2 M



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RANK	BANK	2022	TOTAL 2016-2022
31	NATWEST	-	\$2 M
	AGRICULTURAL BANK OF CHINA	-	-
	ANZ	-	-
	BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS	-	-
	BANK OF MONTREAL	-	-
	CHINA CITIC BANK	-	-
	CHINA CONSTRUCTION BANK	-	-
	CHINA EVERBRIGHT BANK	-	-
	CHINA MERCHANTS BANK	-	-
	CHINA MINSHENG BANK	-	-
	CIBC	-	-
	COMMONWEALTH BANK	-	-
	CRÉDIT MUTUEL	-	-
	DANSKE BANK	-	-
	ICBC	-	-
	INDUSTRIAL BANK	-	-
	KB FINANCIAL	-	-
	LA BANQUE POSTALE	-	-
	LLOYDS	-	-
	NAB	-	-
	NORDEA BANK	-	-
	PING AN INSURANCE GROUP	-	-
	PNC	-	-
	POSTAL SAVINGS BANK OF CHINA	-	-
	SHANGHAI PUDONG DEVELOPMENT BANK	-	-
	STATE BANK OF INDIA	-	-
	TD	-	-
	US BANCORP	-	-
	WELLS FARGO	-	-
	WESTPAC	-	-
	GRAND TOTAL	\$769 M	\$8.452 B

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Though oil and gas companies in general have spent less on offshore oil and gas exploration in recent years, some of these companies made big discoveries of 20 billion barrels of oil equivalent (BOE) in 2022 through exploratory drilling off the coasts of Namibia, Guyana, and Brazil.¹³⁰ TotalEnergies, QatarEnergy, and Petrobras took the lead in identifying these resources, doing so in hopes of capitalizing on high short-term prices. But since offshore rigs can pump oil for decades, long after global fossil fuel production needs to cease, this logic is flawed.¹³¹ Banks financing these ventures risk significant stranded assets.

Only 17 of the world's 60 largest banks have policies applying to ultra-deepwater oil and gas activities.¹³² UniCredit defines ultra-deepwater as deeper than 1500 meters, though other banks define it as around 7,000 feet (2,100 meters).¹³³ All offshore activity is risky and can devastate marine environments. High wave activity can make it impossible to clean up oil spills, and effects on wildlife and corals can be severe. While proponents point to less emissions in the extraction process, this reasoning ignores the decades-long lock-in from opening new reserves.



at OilGasPolicyTracker.org and excerpted at: BankingonClimateChaos.org

OFFSHORE OIL & GAS FINANCING POLICIES BY QUALITY

Number of Policies Covering Offshore Oil & Gas: 17











LEAGUE TABLE - Banking on Offshore Oil & Gas

Bank financing for the top **30** Offshore production companies in 2022, based on research by Urgewald for the Global Oil & Gas Exit List 2022 and from Rystad, provided by Oil Change International.

RANK	BANK	2022	TOTAL 2016-2022
1	BNP PARIBAS	\$6.147 B	\$42.133 B
2	CITI	\$4.820 B	\$40.019 B
3	JPMORGAN CHASE	\$1.698 B	\$38.326 B
4	BANK OF AMERICA	\$4.602 B	\$30.811 B
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16	UBS	\$110 M	\$5.871 B
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18	BANK OF CHINA	\$26 M	\$4.786 B
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20	UNICREDIT	\$2 M	\$4.496 B
21	SCOTIABANK	\$82 M	\$4.295 B
22	BBVA	\$8 M	\$4.221 B
23	WELLS FARGO	\$76 M	\$3.697 B
24	BPCE/NATIXIS	\$36 M	\$3.539 B
25	STATE BANK OF INDIA	\$17 M	\$3.444 B
26	INTESA SANPAOLO	-	\$3.353 B
27	STANDARD CHARTERED	-	\$3.181 B
28	NORDEA BANK	-	\$3.121 B
29	RBC	\$64 M	\$2.864 B
30	ING	\$17 M	\$2.853 B



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RANK	BANK	2022	TOTAL 2016-2022
31	ICBC	-	\$2.175 B
32	LLOYDS	\$14 M	\$1.899 B
33	COMMONWEALTH BANK	\$8 M	\$1.530 B
34	CHINA CITIC BANK	-	\$1.333 B
35	COMMERZBANK	\$1 M	\$1.316 B
36	NATWEST	-	\$1.301 B
37	DANSKE BANK	-	\$1.280 B
38	WESTPAC	-	\$1.240 B
39	BANK OF MONTREAL	-	\$924 M
40	BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS	-	\$749 M
41	AGRICULTURAL BANK OF CHINA	-	\$557 M
42	TD	-	\$456 M
43	CHINA CONSTRUCTION BANK	\$8 M	\$442 M
44	CIBC	-	\$343 M
45	RABOBANK	\$8 M	\$289 M
46	KB FINANCIAL	\$1 M	\$248 M
47	PNC	\$1 M	\$76 M
48	CAIXABANK	-	\$43 M
49	NAB	-	\$29 M
	CHINA EVERBRIGHT BANK	-	-
	CHINA MERCHANTS BANK	-	-
	CHINA MINSHENG BANK	-	-
	CRÉDIT MUTUEL	-	-
	DZ BANK	-	-
	INDUSTRIAL BANK	-	-
	LA BANQUE POSTALE	-	-
	PING AN INSURANCE GROUP	-	-
	POSTAL SAVINGS BANK OF CHINA	-	-
	SHANGHAI PUDONG DEVELOPMENT BANK	-	-
	US BANCORP	-	-

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GRAND TOTAL

\$34.215 B

\$422.818 B



Hydraulic fracturing or "fracking" is a harmful way to extract underground oil and natural gas by injecting water and chemicals into the ground at high pressure. The process is water-intensive and highly polluting.¹³⁴ A study published in 2022 shows that children living close to fracking sites have higher rates of cancer and asthma and face public health risks from explosion.¹³⁵ This happens even before the fracked oil and gas are burned, and so before the bulk of greenhouse gas emissions.

Fracked gas (also called "natural" or "methane" gas) is 95% methane. This greenhouse gas is a key contributor to climate change because it has a warming potential 80 times higher than carbon dioxide.¹³⁰ Research reveals the fracked gas boom has increased global methane emission by an estimated 33% over the last decade.¹³⁷ One major source of emissions is methane leakage along the supply chain.¹³⁸ Between 3-9% of fracked gas produced is released into the atmosphere through extraction and transportation methods.¹³⁹

The Wet'suwet'en Indigenous Peoples have resisted the expansion of fracked gas pipelines - including the disastrous Coastal GasLink pipeline through their land in northern British Columbia for years. Our partners shine a spotlight on the reality that fracking has gone hand in hand with human rights violations, and in many cases has happened without the Free, Prior, and Informed Consent of Indigenous communities. Indigenous Peoples who raise concerns and resist fracking have faced criminal charges, surveillance, raids, and harassment.¹⁴⁰ Even as developers expand the quantity of active wells - which now number over 1.3 million - resistance to fracking has grown in communities around the world.¹⁴¹

Among the banks in scope of this report, 24 have a policy on fracking.¹⁴²



FRACKED OIL & GAS FINANCING POLICIES BY QUALITY

Number of Policies Covering Fracked Oil & Gas: 24



FRACKED **OIL & GAS**







LEAGUE TABLE - Banking on Fracked Oil & Gas

Bank financing for the top **30** fracking companies and 8 key fracked oil and gas pipeline companies in 2022, based on research by Urgewald for the Global Oil & Gas Exit List 2022.

RANK	BANK	2022	TOTAL 2016-2022
1	WELLS FARGO	\$4.835 B	\$80.733 B
2	JPMORGAN CHASE	\$6.339 B	\$78.206 B
3	CITI	\$6.044 B	\$58.456 B
4	BANK OF AMERICA	\$5.193 B	\$55.191 B
5	RBC	\$7.415 B	\$43.417 B
6	MUFG	\$4.866 B	\$36.445 B
7	MIZUHO	\$5.254 B	\$36.366 B
8	BARCLAYS	\$3.422 B	\$33.874 B
9	SCOTIABANK	\$4.301 B	\$28.605 B
10	TD	\$5.217 B	\$26.482 B
11	CREDIT SUISSE	\$1.184 B	\$19.731 B
12	GOLDMAN SACHS	\$862 M	\$17.363 B
13	MORGAN STANLEY	\$780 M	\$15.229 B
14	BANK OF MONTREAL	\$1.048 B	\$14.368 B
15	PNC	\$3.252 B	\$12.404 B
16	SMBC GROUP	\$2.189 B	\$10.365 B
17	DEUTSCHE BANK	\$434 M	\$9.892 B
18	CIBC	\$1.623 B	\$8.095 B
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21	US BANCORP	\$651 M	\$6.243 B
22	BNP PARIBAS	\$447 M	\$6.044 B
23	CRÉDIT AGRICOLE	\$306 M	\$4.925 B
24	UBS	-	\$3.112 B
25	BBVA	\$233 M	\$2.465 B
26	ICBC	-	\$2.437 B
27	BPCE/NATIXIS	\$96 M	\$1.877 B
28	NATWEST	-	\$1.351 B
29	COMMERZBANK	-	\$1.344 B
30	BANK OF CHINA	-	\$970 M



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RANK	BANK	2022	TOTAL 2016-2022
31	AGRICULTURAL BANK OF CHINA	-	\$969 M
32	INDUSTRIAL BANK	\$75 M	\$924 M
33	CHINA MINSHENG BANK	-	\$813 M
34	CHINA CONSTRUCTION BANK	-	\$725 M
35	CHINA EVERBRIGHT BANK	-	\$611 M
36	SANTANDER	-	\$607 M
37	ING	\$137 M	\$405 M
38	PING AN INSURANCE GROUP	-	\$350 M
39	BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS	-	\$268 M
40	LLOYDS	-	\$249 M
41	CHINA MERCHANTS BANK	\$18 M	\$218 M
42	STANDARD CHARTERED	-	\$217 M
43	CHINA CITIC BANK	-	\$208 M
44	SHANGHAI PUDONG DEVELOPMENT BANK	-	\$113 M
45	POSTAL SAVINGS BANK OF CHINA	-	\$97 M
46	ANZ	-	\$53 M
47	CAIXABANK	-	\$18 M
	COMMONWEALTH BANK	-	
	CRÉDIT MUTUEL	-	
	DANSKE BANK	-	
	DZ BANK	-	
	INTESA SANPAOLO	-	
	KB FINANCIAL	-	
	LA BANQUE POSTALE	-	
	NAB	-	
	NORDEA BANK	-	
	RABOBANK	-	
	STATE BANK OF INDIA	-	
	UNICREDIT	-	
	WESTPAC	-	



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GRAND TOTAL

\$66.946 B

\$635.687 B


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NATURAL GAS

"We act together to end fossil fuelled conflicts and climate chaos, and drive the clean energy revolution in Ukraine and globally.

FROM THE FRONTLINES: Holding the Line Against Methane Gas Import and Export

The Russian invasion of Ukraine that began in February 2022 created deep pressure on global energy markets to rapidly replace Russian oil and gas. In the name of "energy security," industry, government, and banks fast-tracked liquefied natural gas (LNG) - also known as "fracked" gas or "methane" gas - terminals and their financing. Developers dusted off dozens of proposals for export terminals in North America, Qatar, Africa, and Australia.¹⁴³ These developers also pushed forward import terminals in Europe and Asia, even as current

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events laid bare the risks of depending on a volatile global market for fossil gas imports.¹⁴⁴ According to Global Energy Monitor's Global Gas Infrastructure Tracker there are more than 170 liquefaction and regasification terminals operating worldwide and at least as many currently in the proposal stage.¹⁴⁵ Europe is the top customer importing LNG, though import demand is growing across Asia.¹⁴⁶ Most of these import and export terminals would not have been environmentally and economically viable just a few years ago.

LIQUEFIED "NATURAL" GAS is created

by super-cooling methane gas to around -160°C, at which point it condenses into a liquid. Liquefaction, which reduces the gas's volume for shipping, happens at LNG export terminals situated on the coast or on offshore floating terminals.¹⁴⁷ From there, tanker ships carry the liquefied gas to its destination. At an LNG import terminal, it is regasified - or turned back into a gas form - and piped to power plants, where it is burned for energy.

Ukraine is on the frontlines of a devastating war exacerbated by fossil fuels. Ukrainians demand a ban on Russian fossil fuels and call for an end to trade, investment, financing, and insurance for any Russian fossil fuel company.¹⁴⁸ Even more, our partners call for the rapid phaseout of all fossil fuels everywhere, and point to fossil fuels as a root cause of this conflict. Finally, they call on the world to "speed up the green transition and end oil and gas-fueled conflicts around the world."149 These demands are backed by a coalition of 45 Ukrainian organizations, and are supported by over 800 organizations from more than 60 countries, including frontline communities facing fossil fuel expansion purportedly due to the Ukraine conflict.

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TOP METHANE GAS CLIENTS 2022:

Venture Global Cheniere Energy Inc. Sempra Energy JERA Co Inc. New Fortress Energy Inc.

The noise about "energy security" obscures a key reality: the future for LNG remains murky, and the glut of proposed projects threatens oversupply, oscillating gas prices, and climate chaos.¹⁵⁰ The majority of the proposed export terminals in the United States are unlikely to reach final investment decision (FID). There are simply too many, and they are too risky.¹⁵

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The top bankers of LNG in 2022 are

Mizuho, Morgan Stanley, JPMorgan Chase, ING, Citi, and Goldman Sachs

Financing for the top LNG companies increased from:

> **\$15.2 B** in **2021** to **\$22.7 B** in **2022**

Bringing their total to:

\$122.2 B since **2016**

BANK	FINANCING IN 2022	TOTAL FINANCING SINCE 2016	TOP CLIENTS IN 2022
MIZUHO	\$1,966,327,636	\$6,817,291,114	JERA CO INC VENTURE GLOBAL
MORGAN STANLEY	\$1,816,544,501	\$10,424,582,899	VENTURE GLOBAL NEW FORTRESS ENERGY INC
JPMORGAN CHASE	\$1,620,017,34	\$8,133,399,948	VENTURE GLOBAL NEW FORTRESS ENERGY INC
ING	\$1,225,399,438	\$2,891,389,28	VENTURE GLOBAL CHENIERE ENERGY INC
СІТІ	\$1,156,555,694	\$8,674,099,141	NEW FORTRESS ENERGY INC CHENIERE ENERGY INC
GOLDMAN SACHS	\$1,094,971,170	\$5,829,046,637	VENTURE GLOBAL CHENIERE ENERGY INC

Even one new fossil fuel project is one too many and will ruin the world's chances of staying below 1.5°C global warming. The IEA Net Zero by 2050 scenario shows that no additional LNG projects are needed beyond those that reached FID in 2021. In this scenario, the IEA projected LNG trading will need to fall by 60% between 2020 and 2050, and global "natural" gas demand will need to fall by 5% per year on average.¹⁵² This means that every project that reached FID in 2022 contributes to overshooting the IEA's scenario.

The Plaquemines LNG export facility is located near predominantly Two major LNG projects reached FID in 2022 in the United States: Black and Indigenous communities who, besides facing floods and Cheniere's Corpus Christi Stage III - an expansion of an existing facility hurricanes, also fight regularly occurring industrial disasters and resist located in Texas - and Venture Global's Plaquemines LNG export facility, the burden of fossil fuel and petrochemicals - and have for decades. located in Louisiana. Both are in the U.S. Gulf Coast, the epicenter for Strong communities across the region are working to stop the proposed LNG in the United States, with over 20 proposed new export terminals. buildout of LNG export terminals, arguing that they have also faced the long-standing and intertwined harms of racial injustice and economic Once constructed, Venture Global's Plaquemines LNG will be one of inequality.15

the largest methane gas export terminals in the United States. Ensuring



SOURCE: Earth Insight



smooth operations will be a challenge because coastal Louisiana is experiencing increasing frequency and severity of hurricanes, floods, and land loss. Many communities still have not fully recovered from Hurricane Ida's impacts in 2021, which also flooded the proposed site of the Plaquemines LNG terminal. The yearly emissions from burning the methane gas produced by this terminal would be roughly equivalent to that of 42 coal plants or 35.8 million cars.¹⁵³

On the southwestern side of Louisiana, sits the Lake Charles region. Lake Charles is a hub of petrochemical facilities with a history of disastrous impacts on the air, water, and health of the nearby environmental justice community.¹⁵⁵ Lake Charles has one operating methane gas facility and two additional proposals. Just a few miles down in Calcasieu Lake, another export terminal, **Calcasieu Pass** LNG, is in operation, and developers have proposed three additional terminals.¹⁵⁶ Those projects destroy precious marshlands, which act as a hurricane barrier for nearby communities.

To the west of Louisiana, at the southernmost point of the United States on the Mexican border, the coastal area of the Rio Grande Valley is one of the last remaining stretches of undeveloped Gulf Coast. The Rio Grande Valley region was originally the site for five proposed LNG export terminals.¹⁵⁷ Three have been abandoned. The two remaining projects are signing contracts with suppliers and buyers, though neither has reached FID: NextDecade's Rio Grande LNG and Glenfarne Group's Texas LNG.¹⁵⁸ The proposed Texas LNG site includes the Garcia Pasture, a burial site sacred to the Carrizo Comecrudo Tribe, which was placed on the World Monuments Watch in 2022 and is on the U.S. National Park Service's list of historic places.¹⁵⁹ The Rio Grande LNG site is also on land sacred to the Carrizo Comecrudo.¹⁶⁰ Unfortunately, because the Carrizo Comecrudo Tribe has not been granted federal recognition, they have

not been consulted on the projects' impacts.¹⁶¹ NextDecade claims it will build a climate-friendly facility, but in truth the company makes this claim based on its plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions with carbon capture and storage.¹⁶² This technology has been unsuccessful for other fossil fuel projects.¹⁶³ In late March 2023, Société Générale announced that they would not support the Rio Grande LNG project.¹⁶⁴

New LNG facilities are a false solution to Europe's short-term energy needs. Analysis by Global Energy Monitor (GEM) shows export facilities typically take three to five years to build in the United States.¹⁶⁵ Building those facilities now will lock in decades of emissions but won't make energy cheaper in Europe or Asia this winter or in the next few winters.¹⁶⁶

The quest to replace Russian oil and gas is not only driving new LNG export terminals in the U.S., but also increasingly in the Global South. Europe is eyeing Mozambique and Nigeria for new gas extraction and export. Nigeria holds the biggest gas deposits in Africa and is currently the continent's biggest LNG exporter, though to date it has done little to improve domestic energy access.¹⁶⁷ The Nigeria LNG (NLNG) terminal, operational since 1999, is expanding steadily. Run by Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), Shell, TotalEnergies and Eni, it can produce 22 million tonnes of LNG per annum (mtpa), which is approximately 6% of global LNG trade in 2021.¹⁶⁸ The human

and environmental cost of this extraction is tremendous. To build the complex, communities on Bonny Island were relocated, often with the use of military force, losing their livelihoods in the process.¹⁶⁹ Twenty years later, the relocated population has reportedly still not received compensation.¹⁷⁰ Frequent gas flaring at the plant is linked to kidney problems, cancer, and lung damage.¹⁷¹ Europe's mad dash for gas in Africa could leave African countries with stranded assets, exclude millions of Africans from having reliable and affordable access to safer sources of energy, and block the political will to move toward renewable energy.172

A long list of banks provided financing for the Nigeria LNG expansion on Bonny Island in May 2020. These banks include **BNP Paribas**, **SMBC** Group, Standard Chartered, Société Générale, ICBC, Deutsche Bank, Bank of China, Santander, and BPCE/ Natixis.¹⁷

> Read more about the Nigeria LNG and BankingonClimateChaos.org/frontline-stories

Mozambique is new to the global LNG export market, again mostly catering to European markets, rather than enhancing energy access on the African continent. The Coral South project, a floating LNG vessel



EMISSIONS FROM LNG CONSUMPTION.

GIGATONNES OF CO2 EQUIVALENT (GtCO2e)



IMAGE: The Guardian SOURCE: World Energy Outlook, Yang et al (2022), Climate Analytics (2021), Roman-White et al (2021)

PHOTO: Healthy Gulf

located in Mozambique's northernmost province of Cabo Delgado, delivered its first shipment of LNG to Spain in December 2022.¹⁷⁴ The other two projects, Mozambique LNG and Rovuma LNG, have been

put on hold after insurgent attacks near the production sites.¹⁷⁵ These insurgent attacks, partly fueled by outrage over a lack of benefits from the gas industry, have led to a militarization of the region.¹⁷⁶ Violent attacks on, and harassment of, communities - both from insurgents as well as the Mozambican army and private security forces who mainly protect the gas facilities — forced nearly a million people to flee the region. More information on the situation in Mozambique and the impacts of the project can be found in the Banking on Climate Chaos 2022 frontline story.¹⁷⁷

legacy of fossil fuel colonialism and further exacerbates energy sacrifice zones in Black and brown communities. Developers are proposing big gas and LNG projects throughout Asia, seeking to replace coal in emerging energy markets.¹⁷⁸ But 2022 showed these proposals are shortsighted. Demand for fuel in Europe drove global prices higher. In many cases, the consequence was that fuels were priced beyond the reach of consumers from middle- and low-income countries like Pakistan, Bangladesh, Vietnam, and the Philippines, where proposals for new LNG import terminals are on the table.¹⁷⁹ According to IEEFA, "Rapid LNG demand growth, especially in emerging Asia, is not a given."180 These are risky investments with harmful environmental consequences.

It is not only in Africa that the LNG industry's buildout perpetuates a

The Philippines is one of the latest countries with plans to import LNG. The Philippine Energy Plan 2018-2040 envisions the Philippines as a "world-class, investment-driven, and efficient" LNG hub for the Asia-Pacific region.¹⁸¹ As the Philippines-based Center for Energy, Ecology, and Development (CEED) argues, "This political vision comes at the cost of energy security, equity, and sustainability." Currently, the country's gas-fired power plants rely on domestic gas supply, which is depleting. **Though no terminals exist in the country today, at least 11 LNG import terminals have been proposed in the Philippines since 2002**, and the first terminals could come online in 2023.¹⁸² Filipino advocates call for their country to diversify energy sources to hasten the transition from a coal-dominated sector to renewable energy and are pushing back against plans to rely on volatile prices and markets of imported gas.¹⁸³

With eight new proposed gas power plants and as many proposed LNG import terminals, Batangas is the epicenter of fossil gas expansion in the Philippines and is one of five provinces surrounding a marine corridor known as the **Verde Island Passage (VIP)**.¹⁸⁴ VIP is located at the heart of the Coral Triangle, and is considered to be the "Amazon of the oceans," recognized as the center of global shore-fish biodiversity.¹⁸⁵ The abundant fish and megafauna of VIP sustain over 2 million people in five surrounding provinces – Batangas, Occidental Mindoro, Oriental Mindoro, Marinduque and Romblon – whose livelihoods include fishing, aquaculture, and tourism. A devastating oil spill in February 2023 highlights the dangers of building more fossil fuel infrastructure in the Verde Island Passage.¹⁸⁶

A growing movement of frontline communities, churches, civil society organizations, fisherfolk, and community groups strongly opposes the gas power and LNG projects in Batangas due to adverse impacts to marine biodiversity and the livelihood of the people of Batangas. This broad network of opposition comes together around energy insecurity, expensive and volatile power rates, climate-blind frameworks, and threats to health, environment, and livelihood.¹⁸⁷

Read more about the Verde Island Passage and CEED's resistance to gas in the Philippines at: BankingonClimateChaos.org/frontlinestories



LNG is not the transition fuel it is championed to be. It is methaneintensive, carbon-intensive, and harmful to people and nature. Ultimately, LNG is an obstacle to the renewable energy transition. The LNG terminals proposed throughout North America, Africa, and Asia would lock the world collectively into 20-30 more years of new fossil fuels.

But fossil fuel companies have convinced governments and banks that it is worth the gamble. In 2022, the world's top banks provided \$23 billion in financing specifically for that year's top 30 LNG companies.





78,300 hectares of seagrass17,700 hectares of mangrove3,300 hectares of coral reef

6 current LNG gas power plants in the Philippines
45 proposed LNG power plants and LNG import terminals for the nation
16 of which are planned for the Verde Island Passage in Batangas

Total population that directly depend on marine ecosystems and fisheries: **2 million**

> PHOTO: Lexter Yap / shuterstock SOURCE: Earth Insight; CEED Philippines

LEAGUE TABLE - Banking on Liquefied Natural Gas

Bank financing for the top **30** liquefied natural gas import and export companies in 2022, based on research by Urgewald for the Global Oil & Gas Exit List 2022 and the Global Energy Monitor's Global Gas Infrastructure Tracker 2022.

RANK	BANK	2022	TOTAL 2016-2022
1	MORGAN STANLEY	\$1.817 B	\$10.425 B
2	CITI	\$1.157 B	\$8.674 B
3	JPMORGAN CHASE	\$1.620 B	\$8.133 B
4	BANK OF AMERICA	\$960 M	\$7.193 B
5	MIZUHO	\$1.966 B	\$6.817 B
6	GOLDMAN SACHS	\$1.095 B	\$5.829 B
7	MUFG	\$987 M	\$5.785 B
8	SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE	\$584 M	\$5.487 B
9	BNP PARIBAS	\$491 M	\$5.465 B
10	SMBC GROUP	\$1.04 B	\$5.203 B
11	HSBC	\$398 M	\$5.068 B
12	BARCLAYS	\$438 M	\$4.051 B
13	RBC	\$878 M	\$4.033 B
14	SANTANDER	\$740 M	\$3.596 B
15	SCOTIABANK	\$935 M	\$3.462 B
16	CRÉDIT AGRICOLE	\$647 M	\$3.176 B
17	CREDIT SUISSE	\$411 M	\$3.132 B
18	ING	\$1.225 B	\$2.891 B
19	DEUTSCHE BANK	\$907 M	\$2.460 B
20	UBS	\$59 M	\$2.186 B
21	BPCE/NATIXIS	\$740 M	\$1.836 B
22	ICBC	\$655 M	\$1.752 B
23	BBVA	\$244 M	\$1.751 B
24	INTESA SANPAOLO	\$54 M	\$1.681 B
25	STANDARD CHARTERED	\$237 M	\$1.572 B
26	WELLS FARGO	\$411 M	\$1.536 B
27	CAIXABANK	\$723 M	\$1.171 B
28	BANK OF CHINA	\$781 M	\$1.161 B
29	LLOYDS	-	\$1.021 B
30	ANZ	-	\$771 M



B = BILLIONS

RANK	BANK	2022	TOTAL 2016-2022
31	CIBC	\$239 M	\$758 M
32	COMMONWEALTH BANK	-	\$684 M
33	WESTPAC	-	\$487 M
34	US BANCORP	-	\$342 M
35	NAB	\$17 M	\$327 M
36	CHINA MERCHANTS BANK	\$25 M	\$324 M
37	COMMERZBANK	-	\$300 M
38	DANSKE BANK	-	\$250 M
39	NORDEA BANK	-	\$250 M
40	NATWEST	-	\$189 M
41	UNICREDIT	-	\$155 M
42	BANK OF MONTREAL	-	\$122 M
43	KB FINANCIAL	-	\$94 M
44	CHINA CONSTRUCTION BANK	\$58 M	\$89 M
45	TD	\$3 M	\$87 M
46	INDUSTRIAL BANK	\$39 M	\$84 M
47	DZ BANK	-	\$75 M
48	AGRICULTURAL BANK OF CHINA	\$21 M	\$55 M
49	CHINA CITIC BANK	\$47 M	\$47 M
50	BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS	\$18 M	\$39 M
51	CHINA EVERBRIGHT BANK	-	\$24 M
52	PNC	\$3 M	\$22 M
53	RABOBANK	\$2 M	\$21 M
	CHINA MINSHENG BANK	-	\$14 M
	PING AN INSURANCE GROUP	-	\$12 M
	SHANGHAI PUDONG DEVELOPMENT BANK	-	\$7 M
	LA BANQUE POSTALE	-	\$1 M
	CRÉDIT MUTUEL	-	\$0 M
	POSTAL SAVINGS BANK OF CHINA	-	
	STATE BANK OF INDIA	-	



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GRAND TOTAL

\$22.671 B

\$122.18 B



Every pathway that avoids severe impacts from climate change involves early and significant reductions in coal-related emissions. Coal is both filed landmark cases to stop coal expansion because of human rights the largest source of energy-related global carbon dioxide (CO2) violations.¹⁹⁰ - 15 gigatonnes (Gt) in 2021 - and the largest source of electricity generation, especially in Asia.¹⁸⁸ CO2 emissions from electricity The UN has called for a complete coal phaseout in advanced generation increased to record levels in 2022, driven by increased coal economies by 2030, with the rest of the world following by 2040.¹⁹¹ The generation in Europe and Asia. Reduced gas supplies following Russia's UN has also joined the consensus that the world must immediately end invasion of the Ukraine, challenges for hydropower from drought, and coal mine expansion and stop any new coal-fired power plants. insufficient renewable capacity drove that increase.¹⁸⁹

Of the world's **60** biggest banks, **47** have a coal project financing Coal transitions require a special focus, not just because of coal's high exclusion policy, and **39** also have at least a minimal exclusion/ emissions, but because of its outsized impact on human health and the phaseout policy for coal financing at the corporate level. The coal environment. From mining to coal cleaning, transportation, electricity sector has seen the most progress on expansion policies, though the generation, and disposal, coal releases numerous toxic pollutants into numbers are still low. 25 banks have a coal phaseout measure in place, the air, water and land. These disrupt ecosystems and endanger human with varying levels of robustness. health. The local environmental hazards of coal vary from place to place. While some communities are most affected by air pollution from And yet the sector's biggest bankers have not made such policy coal-fired power plants, others endure toxic groundwater from mining. Often, low-income neighborhoods and communities of color are any coal financing restriction at the corporate level. Bank of China, disproportionately impacted by the toxic impacts of coal, exacerbating environmental racism. Mounting evidence from regions dependent on coal development outside of China, though domestic production is not coal-based electricity generation demonstrates that coal is linked to excluded.



CoalPolicyTool.org or excerpted at: BankingonClimateChaos.org





adverse health impacts. In South Africa, for example, advocates have

commitments: None of the **13** Chinese banks profiled in this report have Ping An Group, and Postal Savings Bank of China exclude financing for



LEAGUE TABLE - Banking on Coal Mining

Bank financing for the top **30** coal mining companies in 2022, based on research by Urgewald for the Global Coal Exit List 2022

RANK	BANK	2022	TOTAL 2016-2022
1	INDUSTRIAL BANK	\$1.394 B	\$20.768 B
2	BANK OF CHINA	\$580 M	\$14.637 B
3	CHINA CONSTRUCTION BANK	\$880 M	\$13.257 B
4	CHINA CITIC BANK	\$2.923 B	\$12.838 B
5	CHINA EVERBRIGHT BANK	\$1.865 B	\$12.205 B
6	SHANGHAI PUDONG DEVELOPMENT BANK	\$717 M	\$9.403 B
7	ICBC	\$216 M	\$8.918 B
8	BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS	\$365 M	\$8.070 B
9	CHINA MERCHANTS BANK	\$675 M	\$6.915 B
10	AGRICULTURAL BANK OF CHINA	\$662 M	\$6.782 B
11	PING AN INSURANCE GROUP	\$385 M	\$6.713 B
12	POSTAL SAVINGS BANK OF CHINA	\$863 M	\$3.154 B
13	CHINA MINSHENG BANK	\$54 M	\$2.514 B
14	DEUTSCHE BANK	\$186 M	\$2.452 B
15	CITI	\$253 M	\$2.403 B
16	CREDIT SUISSE	\$40 M	\$2.326 B
17	JPMORGAN CHASE	\$40 M	\$2.177 B
18	GOLDMAN SACHS	\$259 M	\$1.648 B
19	UBS	\$40 M	\$1.085 B
20	COMMERZBANK	\$40 M	\$1.050 B
21	STANDARD CHARTERED	\$40 M	\$1.021 B
22	MORGAN STANLEY	\$40 M	\$1.008 B
23	BANK OF AMERICA	\$40 M	\$967 M
24	BANK OF MONTREAL	\$40 M	\$854 M
25	BARCLAYS	\$40 M	\$853 M
26	SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE	\$40 M	\$773 M
27	MUFG	\$40 M	\$712 M
28	UNICREDIT	-	\$703 M
29	MIZUHO	\$40 M	\$662 M
30	ING	\$40 M	\$615 M



RANK	BANK	2022	TOTAL 2016-2022
31	SANTANDER	\$40 M	\$563 M
32	HSBC	\$40 M	\$537 M
33	CRÉDIT AGRICOLE	\$40 M	\$502 M
34	BBVA	\$40 M	\$484 M
35	INTESA SANPAOLO	-	\$472 M
36	SMBC GROUP	\$40 M	\$467 M
37	BNP PARIBAS	-	\$455 M
38	NATWEST	\$40 M	\$452 M
39	RBC	\$40 M	\$452 M
40	TD	\$40 M	\$450 M
41	SCOTIABANK	\$40 M	\$449 M
42	NAB	\$40 M	\$396 M
43	COMMONWEALTH BANK	\$40 M	\$374 M
44	ANZ	\$40 M	\$354 M
45	RABOBANK	-	\$213 M
46	STATE BANK OF INDIA	-	\$206 M
47	PNC	-	\$128 M
48	NORDEA BANK	-	\$87 M
49	CIBC	-	\$35 M
50	DZ BANK	-	\$26 M
51	LLOYDS	-	\$26 M
52	BPCE/NATIXIS	-	\$20 M
53	WESTPAC	-	\$4 M
54	CAIXABANK	-	
55	CRÉDIT MUTUEL	-	
56	DANSKE BANK	-	
57	KB FINANCIAL	-	
58	LA BANQUE POSTALE	-	
59	US BANCORP	-	
60	WELLS FARGO	-	-



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GRAND TOTAL

\$13.278 B

\$154.636 B

LEAGUE TABLE - Banking on Coal Power

Bank financing for the top **30** coal power companies in 2022, based on research by Urgewald for the Global Coal Exit List 2022.

RANK	BANK	2022	TOTAL 2016-2022
1	BANK OF CHINA	\$3.003 B	\$32.339 B
2	ICBC	\$2.738 B	\$31.326 B
3	CHINA CITIC BANK	\$3.220 B	\$25.412 B
4	CHINA CONSTRUCTION BANK	\$3.178 B	\$24.047 B
5	AGRICULTURAL BANK OF CHINA	\$2.253 B	\$22.867 B
6	CHINA MERCHANTS BANK	\$3.950 B	\$21.229 B
7	PING AN INSURANCE GROUP	\$1.175 B	\$20.124 B
8	SHANGHAI PUDONG DEVELOPMENT BANK	\$2.699 B	\$16.471 B
9	INDUSTRIAL BANK	\$1.942 B	\$15.762 B
10	CHINA EVERBRIGHT BANK	\$1.602 B	\$12.756 B
11	BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS	\$2.105 B	\$7.528 B
12	POSTAL SAVINGS BANK OF CHINA	\$366 M	\$4.261 B
13	CITI	\$232 M	\$3.119 B
14	HSBC	-	\$2.813 B
15	CHINA MINSHENG BANK	\$303 M	\$2.316 B
16	STANDARD CHARTERED	-	\$2.184 B
17	MUFG	\$51 M	\$1.934 B
18	STATE BANK OF INDIA	\$202 M	\$1.850 B
19	BARCLAYS	-	\$1.741 B
20	UBS	\$85 M	\$1.431 B
21	JPMORGAN CHASE	\$63 M	\$1.411 B
22	SMBC GROUP	\$291 M	\$1.086 B
23	MIZUHO	\$26 M	\$990 M
24	CREDIT SUISSE	-	\$894 M
25	MORGAN STANLEY	-	\$841 M
26	DEUTSCHE BANK	-	\$707 M
27	BANK OF AMERICA	-	\$678 M
28	BNP PARIBAS	-	\$579 M
29	ANZ	-	\$555 M
30	KB FINANCIAL	-	\$364 M



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RANK	BANK	2022	TOTAL 2016-2022
31	GOLDMAN SACHS	-	\$259 M
32	INTESA SANPAOLO	-	\$199 M
33	CRÉDIT AGRICOLE	-	\$178 M
34	SANTANDER	-	\$165 M
35	COMMERZBANK	-	\$91 M
36	SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE	-	\$77 M
37	WESTPAC	-	\$53 M
38	BBVA	-	\$26 M
39	UNICREDIT	-	\$14 M
40	BPCE/NATIXIS	-	\$9 M
	NAB	-	-
	BANK OF MONTREAL	-	-
	CAIXABANK	-	-
	CIBC	-	-
	COMMONWEALTH BANK	-	-
	CRÉDIT MUTUEL	-	-
	DANSKE BANK	-	-
	DZ BANK	-	-
	ING	-	-
	LA BANQUE POSTALE	-	-
	LLOYDS	-	-
	NATWEST	-	-
	NORDEA BANK	-	-
	PNC	-	-
	RABOBANK	-	-
	RBC	-	-
	SCOTIABANK	-	-
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The climate crisis is already taking a devastating toll across the world. Frontline communities are demanding justice while bearing the worst impacts of the fossil fuel industry and climate change, especially those in the most vulnerable nations that contribute little to the climate crisis. Time is running out. There is no room to overshoot a 1.5°C maximum temperature increase. To achieve that goal, banks and other institutions must prioritize deep emissions reductions in the near term with annual benchmarks. To keep the world within 1.5°C of warming and to avoid the most devastating harms of climate chaos, fossil fuel expansion must end immediately. Each dollar that banks put toward new fossil fuel projects and the companies behind them is incompatible with climate stability and violates their own climate commitments. Continued financing of a boom-and-bust cycle of fossil fuel economy will lock the world into energy insecurity and unthinkable harms for generations to come.

report demand that banks:

Prohibit all finance for fossil fuel expansion immediately. Banks must end lending and underwriting for any company expanding fossil fuels. This exclusion must include project finance and general corporate finance for any company with expansion plans, regardless of the scope of the expansion project. This is the most urgent step for banks to take to strengthen their climate policies.



These targets must be aligned with a rigorous 1.5°C scenario, including ambitious absolute targets for 2025 and 2030, culminating in zero emissions by 2050 at the latest. The most recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report emphasizes that an even faster transition is needed, especially for those with the highest cumulative emissions and greatest resources.¹⁹² Targets should be based on actual, absolute emission reductions, and not on the use of carbon offsets or false solutions such as Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS).



Demand robust transition plans for all existing fossil fuel clients.

Banks must require all of their clients with any fossil fuel exposure to publish robust plans to zero out fossil fuel activity on a 1.5°C-aligned timeline. Banks should withdraw financing for clients who fail to align their activities with a credible 1.5°C pathway.

Protect Indigenous Peoples' and human rights.

Protect the rights of Indigenous Peoples and human rights. Banks must ensure that their clients respect the collective rights of Indigenous Peoples and human rights, and specifically guarantee Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) for Indigenous Peoples as defined by the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. They must establish zero-tolerance policies and due diligence mechanisms to prevent violence towards Indigenous Peoples and frontline communities, as well as human rights and forest defenders in all sectors. Financing decisions must respect Indigenous and frontline communities' right to a healthy environment, to a just livelihood, and compensation for the loss and damages sustained as a result of climate change.

Scale up financing for a just and fair transition.

Financing for renewable energy and other low-carbon solutions must increase rapidly, and banks should work to lower barriers to financing for such projects. Plans for a just phaseout of fossil fuel financing must take into account the social costs of transition by supporting local economic diversification and co-creating a new, people-centered energy system with workers and communities.

Banks must align their financing with 1.5°C pathways and enable a fair and just transition. To do so, the organizations authoring this

APPENDIX

BANKS INCLUDED

BANK	ABBREVIATED NAME USED IN THIS REPORT	COUNTRY OF HEADQUARTERS	RANK BY TOTAL ASSETS
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL BANK OF CHINA	ICBC	CHINA	1
CHINA CONSTRUCTION BANK		CHINA	2
AGRICULTURAL BANK OF CHINA		CHINA	3
BANK OF CHINA		CHINA	4
JPMORGAN CHASE		UNITED STATES	5
MITSUBISHI UFJ FINANCIAL GROUP	MUFG	JAPAN	6
BANK OF AMERICA		UNITED STATES	7
HSBC		UNITED KINGDOM	8
BNP PARIBAS		FRANCE	9
CRÉDIT AGRICOLE		FRANCE	10
CITIBANK	CITI	UNITED STATES	11
SMBC GROUP		JAPAN	12
POSTAL SAVINGS BANK OF CHINA		CHINA	14
MIZUHO		JAPAN	15
WELLS FARGO		UNITED STATES	16
BARCLAYS		UNITED KINGDOM	17
BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS		CHINA	18
SANTANDER		SPAIN	19
BPCE/NATIXIS		FRANCE	20
SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE		FRANCE	21
DEUTSCHE BANK		GERMANY	22
TD		CANADA	23
GOLDMAN SACHS		UNITED STATES	24
CHINA MERCHANTS BANK		CHINA	25
RBC		CANADA	26
INDUSTRIAL BANK		CHINA	27
CHINA CITIC BANK		CHINA	28
SHANGHAI PUDONG DEVELOPMENT BANK		CHINA	29
CRÉDIT MUTUEL		FRANCE	30
INTESA SANPAOLO		ITALY	31

This analysis covers the world's 60 biggest relevant banks by assets, according to the S&P Global Market Intelligence ranking from April 2022.¹⁹⁴ Banks with little to no league credit for economy-wide financing were deemed irrelevant to this analysis. This resulted in the exclusion of three Japanese banks: Japan Post Bank (13th largest by assets globally), Norinchukin Bank (41st largest), and Resona Holdings (57rd largest). La Banque Postale was retained for historical comparison, and because their \$0 financing for fossil fuels in 2022 is attributable to specific policies, which this report has tracked. Note that the inclusion of a bank with \$0 financing for fossil fuels effectively lowers the total financing numbers reported here. Due to changes in bank sizes, U.S. Bancorp is new to this edition of the report, replacing SuMi TRUST. Commerzbank (68th largest) replaces Huaxia Bank (63rd largest) for the second year in a row.

MORGAN STANLEY	
CHINA MINSHENG BANK	
ING	
NATWEST (RBS)	
UNICREDIT	
CHINA EVERBRIGHT BANK	
BANK OF MONTREAL	
LA BANQUE POSTALE	
COMMONWEALTH BANK	
CREDIT SUISSE	
STANDARD CHARTERED	
BBVA	
PING AN INSURANCE GROUP	
CAIXABANK	
RABOBANK	
DZ BANK	
AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND BANKING GROU	UP
STATE BANK OF INDIA	
WESTPAC	
CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK OF COMMERCE	
NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK	
NORDEA BANK	
DANSKE BANK	
US BANCORP ¹⁹³	
KB FINANCIAL	
PNC	

COMMERZBANK

Due to data availability constraints, Ping An is the only one of the Chinese banks that is included at the group level: Ping An Insurance Group Company of China, Ltd., which includes subsidiaries Ping An Bank and Ping An Securities.

ABBREVIATED NAME USED IN THIS REPORT	COUNTRY OF HEADQUARTERS	RANK BY TOTAL ASSETS
	UNITED KINGDOM	32
	UNITED STATES	33
	SWITZERLAND	34
	CHINA	35
	NETHERLANDS	36
	UNITED KINGDOM	37
	ITALY	38
	CANADA	39
	CHINA	40
	CANADA	42
	FRANCE	43
	AUSTRALIA	44
	SWITZERLAND	45
	UNITED KINGDOM	46
	SPAIN	47
	CHINA	48
	SPAIN	49
	NETHERLANDS	50
	GERMANY	51
ANZ	AUSTRALIA	52
	INDIA	53
	AUSTRALIA	54
CIBC	CANADA	55
NAB	AUSTRALIA	56
	FINLAND	58
	DENMARK	59
	UNITED STATES	60
	SOUTH KOREA	61
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