

# THE RIGHTS OF NATURE IN THE USA

MAPPING A GROWING MOVEMENT

National legal Rights of Nature as of June 2021: 155  
Each dot represents one initiative.



In 2008, the Navajo Nation Council passed a resolution in which it declared that Nature has 'rights and freedoms to exist'. The resolution holds for the people's entire territory which covers parts of Arizona, Utah, and New Mexico.

The north-eastern accumulation of Rights of Nature initiatives correlates with the location of the Pennsylvania headquarter of the Community Environmental Legal Defence Fund (CELDF). CELDF is a non-profit organisation which assisted almost all initiatives in the USA as well as many global efforts.



Country Distribution		Legal Types	
None	5 Federal	National Law	Local Regulation
Ongoing/introduced		Court Decision	Policy
1-3		Indigenous Law	Other Official Document
4-10			
11-31			



## US-Distribution of Natural Entities



The majority of US initiatives refers to all the Nature within the borders of a local township. The remaining ones regard selected entities or aquatic ecosystems.  
US Map Projection: USA Contiguous Albers Equal Area Conic  
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