

**Indigenous Peoples, definition:**

Approximately 300 million indigenous peoples, representing 5,000 distinct cultures, live in over 70 countries on five continents. The UN defines the designation *Indigenous peoples* as "first peoples, tribal peoples, aboriginals and autochthons. They have a historical continuity with pre-invasion and pre-colonial societies that developed on their territories. They consider themselves distinct from other sectors of society now prevailing in those territories."

- one more point: IP are in closely connected to the environment by virtue of their subsistence strategies: they are generally hunter-gatherers, pastoralists, horticulturalists, or subsistence farmers