

# EMANUELA EVANGELISTA

AMAZÔNIA







**Emanuela Evangelista** was born in Rome on 6 May 1968. Biologist and environmental activist, she is a Member of the Commission for the Survival of Species (SSC) of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), President of Amazônia, trustee of Amazon Charitable Trust and vice president of Trentino Insieme, organizations involved in international cooperation.





After participating in research projects in Africa, Peru and Brazil, **she moved to the Amazon in 2013**, where she commits herself to the conservation of the tropical forest. **Together with the native population**, she has carried out sustainable development projects, actions in defense of the right to health and education and protection of traditional cultural identity.





Specialized in the study of aquatic mammals, she has conducted scientific research aimed at the conservation of endemic species at risk of extinction. **The results of her studies have been presented at scientific international congresses, published in scientific journals and disseminated among researchers and Brazilian decision makers and included in the Brazilian Plan of Action for the conservation of mammals.**







Her work contributed to the creation of the **Jauaperi Reserve**, 600 thousand hectares of tropical forest protected and designated for the exclusive use of traditional native peoples, solely within the framework of sustainable and environment-friendly activities. The area, decreed in 2018 as the Lower Rio Branco-Rio Jauaperi Extractive Reserve (Reserva Extrativista Baixo Rio Negro-Jauaperi), joins an important corridor of units of conservation and represents a **nodal achievement in the fight against climate chaos**.

Her work led to the establishment of **Amazon Charitable Trust**, a foundation based in London that collects influential names in the field of conservation.



As an activist she is engaged in the dissemination of the issues of the Amazon and its biodiversity and **collaborates with national and international newspapers** to denounce deforestation and promote **the importance of forests** in the balance of the planet.





Her work has often been subject of interest by the **national and international press.**







In 2009, she was recognized by Legambiente as the Environmentalist of the Year for her efforts in defence of the Amazon. Under her leadership, the Amazônia association was also awarded the **“Un Bosco per Kyoto”** prize, presented by Accademia Kronos at the Capitol in Rome and a special mention at the **Peace Prize**, established by Regione Lombardia, in Italy. In 2022, her work was awarded third place in the Italian edition of the **Terre de Femmes Prize**, promoted by the Yves Rocher Foundation.





In 2020, she was appointed **Officer of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic** by President Sergio Mattarella. The high honor was motivated “for her constant commitment in the international area, in the environment defense, in the protection of indigenous people and in the fight against deforestation.



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una vita nel cuore della foresta

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In 2023, the book **Amazzonia. A Life in the Heart of the Forest**, was published by Laterza. The work won the Campiello Natura Prize in 2024. In the same year the book won the **Campiello Natura - Venice Gardens Foundation Award** and the **"Ulderico Bernardi" Special Jury Prize** in the competition promoted by the Giuseppe Mazzotti Literary Prize Association.



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