

HOW RIVERS THINK

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While canoeing down a river in the Amazon rainforest (called 'Kushuimi' by the native Shuars) Santillán took actual samples of the water and floating little fragments of the rainforest.

These many river samples, taken along the way, were then poured inside customized slides. Consequently, they have been sealed, preserving each of them as living ecosystems.

This rare viewpoint enables us to see the river in a new way, not as images representing it, but rather by showing us the river itself from within, as a body containing endless worlds.

The title of this piece refers to the groundbreaking 'How Forests Think' written by anthropologist Eduardo Kohn, based on his field research in the Ecuadorian Amazon.



One of the slides encapsulating an actual sample of water and matter taken from a river in the Amazon basin. Hence, each of these customized containers hosts a living ecosystem.



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Water and plants from the Amazon gathered and sealed within 80 customized slides.

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{1 OF THE 80 IMAGES PRODUCED BY THE RIVER}



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