The ceiba tree (Ceiba pentandra) is the sacred tree of life in the Amazon, and with its massive trunk and extensive branches it towers above the forest canopy (seen in the center of the picture).

Ecojesuit is the global ecology network of Jesuits and partners seeking to discern an integral ecology as the basis for action. It operates under the Social Justice and Ecology Secretariat as one of the global networks of the Society of Jesus.

As proposed, water was pursued as a unifying theme for ecological responses under the tagline *Action for Water: Care and Defend*. It seeks to engage, educate, and advocate on water and its integral relationship with people and the environment. Its value lies in its connectivity - whether one is talking about disaster risk reduction in Asia Pacific, droughts and food production in East and South Africa, land use changes in the Amazon and Congo Basin, water is always central to discussions of environmental and social impacts. These concerns were grouped into five related areas of action:

1. Disaster Risk Reduction and Water
2. Energy Transition and Divestment
3. Lifestyle, Organic Farming and SDGs
4. Land-Use Change, Mining and Resource Extraction
5. Education and Solidarity
The goal of Ecojesuit is to facilitate dialogue and engagements to reconcile with God, with one another, and with Creation, addressing the broad call for action of Laudato Si’ and the urgency of a just global transformation in care for the Earth and the most vulnerable. This involves Jesuit social, educational, and pastoral institutes, and collaborations with other religious congregations and the Church, the scientific community, faith-based organizations and movements, civil society, Indigenous Peoples, and those seeking the common good. Ecojesuit encourages and shares information and approaches, and animates and collaborates with the Jesuit Conferences in fulfilling their mission.

For the next five years, Ecojesuit commits to engage, educate, and advocate on Action for Water and its integral relationship with people and the environment. These actions are underwritten by the sense of gratitude, discernment, and care, both personal and communal in sharing with others the continuous conversion and reconciliation needed in seeking a just and harmonious world. The three strategic objectives of the network are:

1. **Promote Global Cooperation**
   - Networking globally and becoming an established regular participant in processes like the annual UN Climate Change Conference (known as COP), Synods, and water conferences and forums like World Water Week
   - Nurturing linkages with other Jesuit networks for strengthened and sustained exchanges and engagements. This involves the International Association of Jesuit Universities (IAJU), Fe y Alegría, Justice in Mining, Migration, EduJesuit, EduMagis, Xavier Network, and others with whom Ecojesuit is already engaged
   - Promoting global education, awareness, and advocacy campaigns on water
   - Building deeper support in Jesuit ministries that relate to water, forests, land, and people
   - Enabling a divestment strategy for fossil fuels in all Jesuit ministries due to the impact on climate change and imbalances in the water cycle that impact communities and basic human rights
   - Strengthening online resources in Ecojesuit online and Ecostream, and developing platforms for focused group engagement

2. **Accompany Regional Actions**

3. **Share and Promote Local Initiatives**
2 ACcompany Regional Actions

Communicating events and materials

Mapping and articulating Action for Water: Care and Defend initiatives per Conference

Building further support for regional Church networks like REPAM, REBAC, and Asia Pacific that relate to water, forests, land, and people

Assisting and organizing regional events and initiatives such as water conferences, eco-spiritual workshops for action, for disaster risk reduction reviews, and Flights for Forests, and developing a Water Challenge that is regionally applied (similar to the Ignatian Carbon Challenge)

Forming and sustaining Ecoteams which will assist Conference Coordinators in implementing ecological actions, and seeking the support of Social Apostolate Coordinators. Ecoteams will be made of 3-8 committed members identified and appointed by the Conference Coordinators

3 Share and Promote Local Initiatives

Engagements and advocacy on water and related concerns at the local level, including water management and conservation, agroforestry, ecoagriculture, disaster risk reduction, climate adaptation, building back better, and more

Reports on water-sensitive urban design, waste management, lifestyle changes, food consumption, and renewable energy transition in accompanied communities and also where incorporated into planning and activities by Jesuit ministries

Initiatives focusing on the right to a stable climate, divestment, human rights, the Sustainable Development Goals, circular economics, the legalization of rivers as persons, and other efforts to institutionalize ecological principles and rights in national and global governance

Educational programs and community engagements that strengthen the sense of human dignity, solidarity, care for creation, conversion, and social awareness among the youth and those concerned with indigenous people and culture, land-use change and extraction, and others that contribute to the formation of communities of practice and justice

Sustainability and climate gatherings such as the Annual Climate Change Conference at Loyola University Chicago, meetings of the International Association of Jesuit Universities Task Force on Economic and Environmental Justice, Living with Earth: Our Ecological Conversion by being with God in nature in Cairns, Australia, and other forthcoming events

With this integral approach, Action for Water is not meant as a way to limit focus from other works, but as a means to weave together different initiatives. Incidentally, the UN has also prioritized water, declaring 2018-2028 as the International Decade for Action on Water for Sustainable Development.
The diagram shows the centrality of water in our world and how we live. It illustrates the integral relationship of water and the five related areas of action stated and how these connect on various levels. These are core points of reflection, care, and discernment that seek the justice, solidarity, and reconciliation called for in ecological conversion and greater collaboration.