

UNESCO-Obiang Nguema Mbasogo International Prize for Research in the Life
Sciences

Nomination form

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Family name of nominated candidate: Obiang Mangué

First name: Teodoro Nguema

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I hereby agree to this nomination

Although we have not received explicit permission from Mr Obiang, we feel he would appreciate the chance to be nominated.

- ◇ The present nomination form duly completed and signed;
- ◇ A 1-2 page summary of the work or the results of work;
- ◇ A short description of the candidate's contribution to the Prize's objectives i.e. how the work has led to an improvement of the quality of human life (1-2 pages);
- ◇ A curriculum vitae and list of publications for an individual **or** institution's statutes, brief history and list of achievement and publication, in the case of an institution (10 pages maximum);
- ◇ Major publications (not more than 5) and other supporting documents of importance (not more than 5).

Please list any supporting documents of major importance submitted with this nomination (not more than 5):

- Global Witness, *The Secret Life of a Shopaholic: How an African Dictator's Playboy son went of a Multi-Million Dollar Shopping Spree in the U.S.*, November 2009
- Global Witness, *Undue Diligence: How banks do business with corrupt regimes*, March 2009
- Walter Moran, 'US Immigration and Customs Enforcement: Teodoro Nguema Obiang, et al'. Undated powerpoint presentation made by Walter Moran, special agent in charge Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Miami, Florida to French investigators
- Letter from Stewart C. Robinson, deputy director of criminal division at the Justice Department's Office of International Affairs, to French investigators, 4 September 2007

The candidate's file must be submitted in English or in French in 6 copies before 30 December 2009 to:

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Global Witness is nominating Teodoro Nguema Obiang Mangue, otherwise known as Teodorin, for the UNESCO-Obiang Nguema Mbasogo International Prize for Research in the Life Sciences. We believe that he has excelled at what this prize seeks to recognize: improving the quality of human life, specifically his own.

Teodorin is the son of the generous founder of this prize and brutal dictator of Equatorial Guinea, Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo. The majority of this West African country lives on less than US\$1 a day, but 41-year-old Teodorin belongs to a tiny elite that have grown rich since Equatorial Guinea discovered oil 15 years ago.

Teodorin is considered a likely successor to his father. If this happens he will be able to apply his personal approach to economics to the nation's finances. Defying basic principles of mathematics, Teodorin manages to stretch his official salary of \$4,000 a month as a Minister in his father's government to cover a more than luxurious lifestyle. Teodorin has acquired a fleet of fast cars, a customized private jet, and a \$35 million mansion in Malibu. That's Malibu California, home of the rich and famous, not to be confused with Malabo, the capital of Equatorial Guinea, where the majority of the population live in poverty. Seemingly inspired by the kitsch tastes of James Bond villains, Teodorin has reportedly ordered a 200-foot custom luxury yacht complete with shark tank. Teodorin's spending spree represents a significant contribution to the science of lavish living and marks him out as an exemplar for all politicians. Between 2005 and 2007 Teodorin was able to transfer \$75 million into the United States through banks such as UBS, Bank of America and Wachovia.

Teodorin has had a glittering academic career. For high school he attended an exclusive French boarding school. He also attended university in France, though little in the way of education appears to have taken place. According to a former US intelligence officer his time in France was marked by extensive partying and general revelry. In late 1991, TNO enrolled in a non-degree English as a Second Language course at Pepperdine University in Malibu. However, according to the director of the course he was there to party and rarely came to class.

So how does he achieve this decadent playboy lifestyle? Through his salary alone? Perhaps not. According to US law enforcement "it is suspected that a large portion of Teodoro Nguema Obiang's assets have originated from extortion, theft of public funds, or other corrupt conduct". Sometimes referred to as the "Minister for Chopping Down Trees" Teodorin has allegedly instituted a large "revolutionary tax" on timber. These payments are made directly to him, either in cash or through cheque to the forestry company he owns. Despite this, Teodorin has been a defendant in several civil cases in California, being accused of stiffing contractors and taking wrongful possession of a Mercedes Benz CL600c. Teodorin did not respond to the summons in the Mercedes case and it was settled out of court.

As a candidate for the UNESCO-Obiang Nguema Mbasogo International Prize Teodorin's study of political science is equally as compelling as his mastering of life science. He has admitted in court that it is usual practice for government ministers in Equatorial Guinea to take a sizeable portion of any government contract.

Since Equatorial Guinea discovered oil in the 1990s its wealth has ballooned. On paper its people are now richer than those in the UK, Japan or France. However, the government of President Obiang seem more keen on enriching themselves than on social welfare spending. A gleaming new stadium towers over Malabo in preparation for the Africa Cup of Nations, while education, health and sanitation spending are neglected.

Although Teodorin may not need the \$300,000 prize money he certainly deserves a medal and diploma to recognise the contribution he has made to furthering the quality of his own life. Either way, Global Witness is sure that Teodorin would be delighted to attend the award ceremony. He could arrive in one of his many sports cars... Or perhaps he would prefer the jet.

Curriculum Vitae : Teodorin Nguema Obiang Mangué

Overview/key information

Son of the President of Equatorial Guinea

Education

High School: Exclusive French boarding school

University: France. Academic career marked by “extensive partying and general revelry”

Non-degree: English as a second language course, Pepperdine University, Malibu. No admission requirements

Career

1991 - Present: Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Equatorial Guinea

Unknown date: Saga. Apparently hired by this logistics firm merely as a means of currying favor with President Obiang, Teodorin’s father.

2003: Settled a case for taking wrongful possession of a Mercedes

2005-2007: Transferred \$75 million into the United States

2006: Admitted in a South African court that a cabinet minister ends up with a sizable part of the contract price in his bank account.

2006: Bought two Bugatti Veyrons. At the top speed of 407 km/h the tires burn out in 15 minutes. But this doesn’t matter as you empty the fuel tank in 12 minutes.