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He is the Green Nobel Prize winner and environmental activist.

**Green Nobel Prize**

- The Green Nobel, also known as the *Goldman Environmental Prize*, is the gift awarded to **six environmental activists every year**.
- The six environmental activists are selected from the **six geographical regions** on the planet (Central and South America, North America, Island nations and Islands, Europe, Africa, and Asia).
- The award identifies environmental activists from each of these regions **who risk their lives to protect their environment**.
- The prizes are issued at the Goldman-Environmental Foundation’s **headquarter in San Francisco, California**.

**Founders of the Green Nobel**

- The Goldman Environmental Prize was founded by philanthropists and civic leaders **Richard and Rhoda Goldman in 1989**.
- Together they formed the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund in 1951. The couple has donated over $680 million to numerous organizations in San Francisco like the Rhoda Goldman Plaza and the San Francisco Jewish Community Center.
- The Goldman Environmental Prize awarded six prizes every year worth $150,000 by 2010. The awards amounted to $200,000 as of 2019. By the time Richard Goldman passed away in 2010, they had awarded $13.2 million to environmental activists from over seventy nations.