

Michael Brune Bio

Michael Brune is the executive director of Rainforest Action Network (RAN) and a founding board member of Oil Change International, an organization dedicated to dissolving the political barriers to a clean energy transition. At age 26, Brune joined RAN to direct its campaign to convince Home Depot to stop selling wood from endangered forests. After a year of creative protests, celebrity activism, and shareholder advocacy, Home Depot agreed. Time magazine called it the top environmental story of 1999, and the announcement led to the protection of 5 million acres in British Columbia's Great Bear Rainforest.

Under Brune's leadership, RAN has successfully campaigned to change the environmental policies and practices of some of America's largest corporations, including Citi, Goldman Sachs, Bank of America, Kinko's, Boise, Lowe's and others. RAN has been referred to as "some of the savviest environmental agitators in the business" by the Wall St. Journal, "a lean, green, fighting machine" by the San Francisco Chronicle, and "rainmakers" by the Financial Times.

Brune lives in Alameda, California with his wife and daughter.