

# WRITE FOR RIGHTS



## BRAZIL

# Alexandre Anderson de Souza

### COMMUNITY LEADER IN DANGER

Alexandre Anderson de Souza is the president of the Association of Men and Women of the Sea (AHOMAR), an association of fisherfolk in the Guanabara Bay in the state of Rio de Janeiro.

Since 2007 he has campaigned against the construction of a gas pipeline for Petrobras arguing it will cause serious, long-term environmental damage, threatening his members' livelihoods.

In 2009 AHOMAR staged a protest in which members anchored their boats along the pipeline site, halting work for 38 days. Since then Alexandre and his wife Daize Menezes de Souza have been repeatedly threatened, and the family are staying away from their home for safety reasons. He has survived six attempts on his life. He is not alone. Four members of AHOMAR have been killed to date.

■ [www.amnesty.org.uk/alexandre](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/alexandre)

'After the attacks, the threats, the smell of gunpowder, we have no fear.'  
**Alexandre Anderson de Souza**



### SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Alexandre Anderson de Souza  
c/o Justiça Global  
Av. Beira Mar, 406, Sala 1207  
Rio de Janeiro, RJ-20021-900  
Brazil

- **Preferred language** Portuguese
- **Salutation** Prezado Alexandre
- **Suggested message** *Portuguese*: Estamos enviando esta mensagem em solidariedade e com muita admiração pelo seu trabalho promovendo e protegendo os direitos ambientais na baía de Guanabara, Atenciosamente. (We are sending you this message out of solidarity and with much admiration for your work promoting and protecting environmental rights in Guanabara Bay).
- **Additional information** 9 December is International Human Rights Defenders Day.

### CAN I

- Send a religious card or message?**
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### SEND AN APPEAL LETTER TO:

Urge the Secretary of Human Rights to protect Alexandre Anderson de Souza and investigate the threats he has received.

**Write to:** Sra. Ministra Ideli Salvatti  
Secretaria de Direitos Humanos  
Setor Comercial Sul  
Edifício Parque da Cidade Corporate  
Quadra 9  
Lote C  
Torre A  
10º andar 70.308-200 – Brasília/DF  
Brazil

**Fax:** +55 61 2025-9414

**Salutation:** Exma Sra Ministra

### In your letter:

- Urge the Secretary of Human Rights to ensure Alexandre Anderson de Souza and his wife are protected.
- Ask her to conduct a thorough and impartial investigation into the threats against him, and the four killings, and bring those responsible to justice.
- Ask her to publicly reaffirm the right of human rights defenders to speak out against injustice.