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Ecuador's state oil company PetroAmazonas has, in secret, built a road deep into the heart of the world-famous Yasuni National Park in Ecuador's Amazon rainforest, writes David Hill - violating promises and threatening uncontacted indigenous tribes.

'While no one had been looking, while the world wasn't watching, PetroAmazonas went ahead with a plan rejected by the Ministry of Environment years before.'

The existence of the 'secret road' into Yasuni, leading directly to an oil production platform, has been confirmed by high resolution satellite images just released in a new report.

Plans previously approved by Ecuador's Environment Ministry in the project's environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) provided for a "cutting-edge, roadless helicopter-enabled design".

The Ministry has also expressly forbidden road construction. Only narrow "ecological trails" 10 metres wide or less were meant to be built in the Park.

