



Rainforest and biodiversity protection, Peru

The project's objective is to protect the existing forests of the Tambopata National Reserve and the Bahuaja Sonene National Park through the promotion of sustainable community development as well as through regulatory and enforcement actions.

Location



The project is located in the Madre de Dios region, south-eastern Peru. The upper Amazonas region, on the eastern slope of the Andes, is a true biodiversity hotspot and habitat of numerous endangered wildlife and plant species. In addition, several indigenous tribes live in the region, among them some in voluntary isolation. The recent construction of the South InterOceanic Highway is increasing migration and, therefore, enforcing land use and forest degradation.

Project



The Bahuaja Sonene National Park and Tambopata National Reserve cover more than 550,000 hectares of pristine tropical habitat. The area is famous for its abundant biodiversity, home to thousands of different plant and butterfly species and hundreds of species of birds, mammals and reptiles. It is thought to be one of the last strongholds for the spider monkey, jaguar and the fiercely protective whitelipped peccary.

Illegal slash-and-burn agriculture, logging, poaching and highly pollutant, illegal gold mining are creating more and more deforested patches across the Park, disrupting its ancient ecosystems. Threats have intensified with the construction of the new InterOceanic highway which passes near the Park's buffer zone.



The project is financing the conservation and management of the park. The project has carefully planned additional economic activities within the buffer area. The project is supported by local communities and the regional and national governments, while longterm financial viability is dependent of carbon credit sales.

The project is mitigating landuse change pressures by promoting sustainable economic activities and establishing conservation agreements at previously identified critical areas. Both actions are looking forward to consolidate a "barrier" against the expansion of the "economic frontier" (agricultural and mining activities), with alliance and permanent coordination with institutions that are engaged in conservation activities in the area.

Project achievements



Socio-economic impact:

- A process of dialogue and consultations with local stakeholders has been established to secure involvement and acceptance.
- The project is seeking to maintain and improve the welfare of the local communities which in the baseline scenario will be directly affected by the removal of the forest cover, biodiversity loss and pollution of water.
- Conservation agreements consist in offering concrete and periodical benefits to local communities in exchange for actual conservation commitments. This component will be used crossing the other components, providing technical support and advice to locals. Activities include agroforestry, aquaculture, low-impact gold mining, timber management, brazilian nut processing and marketing, and conservation and management of palms, among others.
- Project participants are offered access to microcredit schemes.
- Four native indigenous tribes are living in the project region and are benefitting from the active protection of their environment.

Environmental impact:

- The project protects natural habitat of endangered wildlife species such as the black caiman, the eagle harpy, and the giant otter.
- Thanks to the teaching of sustainable nut harvest practices, the forest is further relieved from pressure.
- Large moriche palm swamps, a critically threatened ecosystem that provides refuge for overhunted species and sequesters vast amounts of greenhouse gases, can be found in the project region and are saved from dewatering and extinction.

Checklist Projekt 301 472



✓ Additionality and permanence:	according to the rules of the VCS and CCBS
✓ 3 rd party validated:	by Rainforest Alliance
✓ Transparency:	provided by Markit Environmental Registry
✓ Annual CO ₂ reduction:	450,000 tCO ₂ e
✓ Social and environmental benefits:	as documented in our database
✓ Marketing material:	pictures available

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