



MATAVÉN REDD+ COLOMBIA

**Protecting indigenous livelihoods through
forest management**



This forest initiative has, since 2013, reduced greenhouse gas emissions by implementing participatory forest management, conservation and forest recovery, whilst also ensuring the biodiversity of the area and sustainable livelihoods of local indigenous communities.

The Context

The Matavén project came about as a response to the right of indigenous groups to own their traditional lands, in combination with the aim to ensure the environmental protection and timely conservation of this indigenous reservation in the high plains of the Amazon forest. The goal of the project is to respond to the needs and interests of the indigenous communities of the Matavén jungle, whilst managing and protecting the lands and forests of this region.

The Project

This project establishes measures to reduce vulnerability to the Matavén jungle by setting self-sustaining production systems and introducing a carbon funding mechanism. Conservation is encouraged by introducing sustainable forest management, ecological tourism, handcraft commercialization and technical training for local inhabitants. Approximately 600 indigenous guards patrol the territory to apply the surveillance, control and monitoring of forests.

The Benefits

Through forest management activities, the habitat of jungle species such as the pink Amazon River dolphin (*Inia geoffrensis*), the gray dolphin (*Sotalia fluviatilis*) and the howler monkey (*Alouatta seniculus*) are protected. The indigenous communities receive benefits for health, education, food and housing, as well as the activation of the economy through the generation of jobs. The protection of the forests and ecosystems of the region will help to regulate the microclimate, and in turn, will benefit the planet in general, avoiding the emission of greenhouse gases.

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POVERTY

alleviated by providing forest management jobs and income opportunities



3,622,352
tCO₂e

reduced annually through carbon tree sequestration and other sustainable activities



BIODIVERSITY

and native habitats supported through forest management activities

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