

# Contribution to the environmental objectives of Peru II

## ProAmbiente II

### Context

Peru has been experiencing significant economic growth for more than two decades. However, environmental standards and biodiversity conservation have not been considered to an adequate extent in this context. In many areas, unsustainable production methods are causing the degradation of ecosystems and destroying the natural resources on which livelihoods depend. The effects on forests are particularly severe. Climate change and more frequent extreme weather events are compounding these negative impacts, exacerbating the country's environmental challenges and its social and economic conflicts. The 45 per cent of rural population that still lives below the poverty line is particularly affected, but environmental degradation is increasingly undermining quality of life in urban areas as well.

Peru has therefore committed itself to ambitious goals for climate change mitigation and biodiversity conservation. This includes implementing the recommendations of the OECD environmental performance reviews, its own Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and the Aichi Targets adopted within the framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). At country level, environmental priorities are set out in the Environmental Action Plan, the Environmental Action Agenda, the Climate Change Strategy and the Biodiversity Strategy.

Programme name	Contribution to the environmental objectives of Peru (ProAmbiente II)
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### Objective

The project aims to improve environmental governance and management, the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, and sustainable forest management.

### Approach

ProAmbiente II strengthens Peru's steering and implementation capacities for effective environmental and forest governance at national and regional level and promotes linkage between environmental policy and other relevant policy fields.

Within the project framework, advisory services –focusing on the technical level and on organisational development– are provided to the following partners: the Ministry of Environment



*Improved environmental management: standardized processes of environmental monitoring, for example in the field of small-scale mining.*



Left: Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.  
Right: Sustainable forestry.

(MINAM) and its subordinate authorities, i.e. the National Service of Environmental Certification for Sustainable Investments (SENACE), the Agency for Environmental Assessment and Enforcement (OEFA) and the National Service for Protected Areas (SERNANP); the Ministry of Agriculture (MINAGRI) and its National Forestry and Wildlife Service (SERFOR); the Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF), the Ministry of Production (PRODUCE), and the Agency for the Supervision of Forest Resources and Wildlife (OSINFOR). Strategic partners include the Office of the Special Prosecutor for Environmental Matters (FEMA), the national development bank Agrobanco, the National Council for Science, Technology and Innovation (CONCYTEC) and the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Tourism (MINCETUR). The project operates mainly in the regions of San Martín, Ucayali and Arequipa and involves civil society, indigenous peoples, the private sector and the scientific community.

The project is being implemented with the support of GITEC Consult GmbH and works closely with research institutes in Peru, Germany and other European countries.

## Results

ProAmbiente II builds on the experience and results gained with its predecessor project, which improved the conditions for efficient environmental and forest management.

SENACE has been operational since December 2015 and, in the two years since its establishment, has already approved 17 detailed environmental impact assessments for major projects with an

estimated investment volume of almost 4.3 billion USD. The projects' environmental impacts are assessed against stringent technical criteria in order to ensure that the proposed investment schemes are environmentally and socially sustainable.

A new forestry law came into force in late 2015 with the adoption of relevant implementing regulations and following a consultation process with indigenous communities. Since 2014, almost 250,000 additional hectares of forest have been certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), which means that Peru now has a total of 825,000 hectares of sustainably managed forest. Furthermore, Agrobanco is now offering new lines of credit for forest plantations, agroforestry systems and natural forest management, benefiting more than 700 clients and offering incentives for private investors.

With the application of the new guidelines issued by the MEF and MINAM, public investment in conserving biodiversity in three regions has increased by 155 per cent. Public and private investment in biodiversity research, innovation and technological development has increased by 91 per cent in the past three years. New funding programmes, including CONCYTEC's ValBio initiative, support research projects and business ideas that promote the sustainable use of biodiversity. Peru has access to additional international funding thanks to its accreditation with the Green Climate Fund.

Following the adoption of new financial management tools, the National System for Protected Areas (SINANPE) has increased its budget by 45 per cent since 2014. With the recognition of Gran Pajatén, Peru now has five UNESCO biosphere reserves.

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