

Promoting environmental and forest management in Peru

ProAmbiente

Context

Peru is one of the ten most biodiverse countries in the world. Around 60 per cent of its surface area is covered by the Amazon rainforest. Peru's economic model is largely based on using natural resources. However, this often does not take place in a climate-friendly and environmentally sound manner, and it is too rarely geared towards long-term, responsible use of resources. This is particularly true with regard to forests, which are crucial for biodiversity conservation and in the fight against the climate crisis.

In recent years, Peru has made important progress by improving legal conditions and establishing institutions for environmental and climate protection.

“ProAmbiente” builds on its two predecessor programmes (2014 to 2021). During this period, the legal framework as well as environmental and forest institutions were developed and consolidated, and the management capacities were strengthened. The focus of the current programme is the implementation of measures.

Objective

The conservation and responsible use of biodiversity and tropical forests has been improved.

Approach

The project supports the management of protected areas in line with international standards. To achieve this, it encourages the use of tools to measure effective management in protected areas. It also fosters biodiversity-friendly products and tourism in

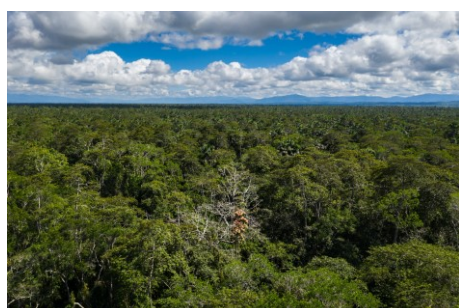
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protected areas, which improves the living conditions of the local population.

The project supports wood products from environmentally friendly forest management and offers digital tools to prove that they were produced in this way. In addition, it is developing stricter environmental criteria for investment projects and implementing more effective environmental management.

The measures take into account framework conditions such as the Global Biodiversity Framework, the European Union's regulation on deforestation-free supply chains, the Joint Declaration of Intent on deforestation, Peru's accession process to join the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and the climate partnership between Germany and Peru.

The project cooperates with Peru's Ministry of Environment (MINAM), Ministry of Agriculture (MIDAGRI), the National Service for Protected Areas (SERNANP), the National Service of Environmental Certification for Sustainable Investments (SENACE), the Agency for Environmental Assessment and Enforcement (OEFA), the National Forestry and Wildlife Service (SERFOR) and the Agency for the Supervision of Forest Resources and Wildlife (OSINFOR). Additional support is being provided by the consultancy GITEC-IGIP Consult GmbH.



Environmentally friendly forest management and digital tools to prove legal timber.

Results

- In the last three years, the area of forests under sustainable management has increased by 1.2 million hectares - 6.2 million hectares in total.
 - Six digital tools have been developed to promote legal harvesting at different stages of the forestry production chain. Among them is the ‘Gestiona Forestal’, as the main tool for wood traceability.
 - Eight native communities in Ucayali, Pasco, Huánuco and Loreto, comprising more than 3,300 inhabitants, as well as forest concessions, have strengthened their capacities in forest management. They have incorporated sustainability criteria in their forest management plans, such as reduced impact techniques and silvicultural activities, which translate into economic, environmental and social benefits across 230,000 hectares of the Peruvian Amazon.
 - As part of the improvement of the environmental assessment process for large investment projects (Detailed Environmental Impact Studies - EIAd), 17 biodiversity and forest protection criteria have been incorporated at various stages of the certification and environmental auditing process.
- This, however, does not slow down investment and, thus, 222 files were approved in 2024, representing more than US\$ 13.8 billion in sustainable investments that contribute to the country's growth.
- Through sustainability brands, sustainable use of biodiversity is ensured in almost 800,000 hectares located in 31 protected natural areas or their surrounding areas, benefiting more than 9,500 families. In 2024, 55 of the 111 licensed enterprises achieved total sales of sustainable biodiversity products for more than S/.294,000, thanks to their participation in fairs and agreements with shops.
 - Three natural protected areas - the Matsés National Reserve, the Machiguenga Communal Reserve and the Megantoni National Sanctuary - were admitted to the Green List of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), an international certification that recognises the successful management of natural protected areas.

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