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THE FOREST ALLIANCE

Peru's indigenous communities are one of the largest forest holders in the Peruvian Amazon but despite the natural, cultural, and social capital they have in their lands, communal forests are still deforested and degraded by unsustainable agriculture, illegal logging and land trafficking. The Forest Alliance aims to support indigenous communities to conserve and restore forests under an innovative management model in partnership with the private and public sector, implementing inclusive businesses, reducing Greenhouse Gas emissions, and empowering them to lead their self-determined sustainable development.

HOW DOES THE ALLIANCE WORK?

The Forest Alliance works with *Cacataibo* and *Shipibo Conibo* Indigenous Peoples in the Peruvian Amazon to implement a holistic approach for Communal Forests Management (CFM), which empower indigenous men and women for sustainable development and climate change mitigation. The Forest Alliance's goals are:

- Strengthen enabling conditions for communal forest management in seven indigenous communities, including land tenure security, community governance, capacity building and institutional support.
- Develop sustainable economic activities in seven indigenous communities, under a business

approach, supporting business associativity and market linkage in partnership with the private sector.

- Transfer a model for community-led forest management (CFM) based on the experience of seven indigenous communities, fostering replication and scaling-up the model with multistakeholder partnerships.

RESULTS ACHIEVED

- 120,000 hectares under improved natural resource management, through the CFM in seven indigenous communities' lands.
- 1 million tons of avoided carbon dioxide emissions.
- 540 hectares with improved environmental conditions through agroforestry and forest plantations with native species in seven indigenous communities' lands.
- 200 hectares under production of zero-deforestation cocoa in indigenous lands.
- 350 indigenous men and women with improved livelihoods and enhanced capacities for business.
- Four sustainable inclusive business lines under development by organized indigenous communities in partnership with the private sector, strengthening communities' economies.
- 650 indigenous families benefiting from verified REDD+ carbon units' sales in the voluntary market. REDD means: Reducing Emissions from deforestation and forest Degradation.
- 7 control and surveillance community committees in operation and contributing to indigenous lands security.
- One community-based mechanism for Monitoring, Report and Verification (MRV) of carbon emissions reduction in operation.
- One CFM model with a holistic approach and business-oriented, in process of replication in 21 communities in Ucayali region with funds of private sector.

PROJECT INFORMATION

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