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Over half of the Peruvian landscape is covered by Amazon forests and waters. Unfortunately, an estimated 80% of Peru’s timber is logged illegally and the deforestation rate continues to increase. Pro-Bosques works to strengthen Peru’s forest sustainable, legal and profitable forestry sector.

USAID Pro-Bosques’ overall goal is to provide the pillars for sustainability, legality, inclusivity, and profitability necessary to support and modernize Peru’s forest sector. By sustainably managing forest resources, we conserve biodiversity and reduce the emission of gases that trap heat from the Sun and warm the planet’s surface (greenhouse gas emission). The project also increases competitiveness, combats environmental crimes and supports Peru in meeting its obligations included in the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement, known as U.S.-Peru Free Trade Agreement.

HOW DOES THE ACTIVITY WORK?

The activity strengthens Peru’s forest sector through improving tools to oversee and monitor the use of forest resources, it promotes private sector engagement through sustainable forest management and improved business practices. USAID Pro-Bosques also fosters market inclusiveness by increasing the participation of indigenous and other forest-dependent communities.

USAID Pro-Bosques works with the GOP forest agencies and users to strengthen monitoring and enforcement in the forest sector and increase legal timber for international and domestic use by implementing the National Forest and Wildlife Management Information System (MC-SNIFFS).

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Partnering with the private sector, USAID Pro-Bosques supports forest title holders, concession holders, local sawmills, and exporters to increase efficiencies in the use of forest resources and promote inclusive participation of vulnerable populations.

Indigenous Communities are an important partner in the forest sector. USAID Pro-Bosques works with them to develop and implement life plans and community forest management (CFM) activities so they can scale-up and identify their needs and better manage their forest resources.

RESULTS ACHIEVED

- First Peruvian information system under development to allow the verification of its legal origin fully implemented in the Amazon region: the conceptual design of the Control Module of the National Forestry and Wildlife Information System is done with an updated Map of Forestry Administration and Control Processes, a budget diagnoses of the public services in the regions, a Financing Plan, a public investment project designed, and the Gap Indicator in Oversight and Control of the Timber Value Chain of the current public investment system (invierte.pe).
- The National Peruvian Forest Authority and six Amazonian regional forest authorities are being strengthened to implement the MC-SNIFFS.
- \$5 million leveraged and committed to support the forest sector.
- 30 percent of forest companies from the Ucayali and Loreto regions increased their competitiveness, sustainability and inclusive practices (forestry and industry).
- Timber and Amazonian Nuts increased their competitiveness and sustainability in the Loreto, Ucayali and Madre de Dios regions, by working with the Center for Technological Innovation of the Forest Transformation Sector.
- 16 indigenous communities have formulated their Life Plans and coordinated their integration with the government. Those communities are empowered and sustainably managing their forests through CFM activities and the development of control and oversight activities supported by indigenous organizations and the GOP.

KEY PROJECT INFORMATION

IMPLEMENTER: Tetra Tech ARD

PARTNER: Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD)

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LOCATION: Lima, Loreto, Madre de Dios and Ucayali regions

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