



TOGETHER FOR CONSERVATION

Conservation crimes such as illegal logging, mining, and wildlife trafficking, are a direct threat to the stability of our planet, and to the Amazon’s 30 million inhabitants. This project will strengthen civil society’s capacities to identify, prevent and respond to these environmental crimes.

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) are working together in Brazil, Ecuador, Colombia and Peru to strengthen civil society’s capacity to oppose conservation crimes and connect urban and rural areas with the conservation of the Amazon and its values.

Together for Conservation is part of USAID Amazon Regional Environment Program (AREP), and directly contributes to three of its major goals in: fostering an environmentally friendly economy; protecting key landscapes and species; and, securing the rights, resources, and health of forest-dependent communities.

HOW DOES THE PROJECT WORK?

Together for Conservation works with private stakeholders to discourage the supply, transportation and demand of unsustainable and illegal Amazon goods and services. The activity fosters sustainable value chains and promotes responsible consumption of Amazonian products. Additionally, USAID and WCS work with Indigenous and local communities to increase their capacities to share and use modern and traditional knowledge to monitor, showcase, and defend their territories and resources.

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WHAT RESULTS ARE EXPECTED?

- Strengthened civil society learning and collaboration and increased understanding of factors that contribute to improving community engagement in reducing conservation crimes and developing sustainable value chains.
- Strengthened commitments by the private sector for solutions and actions to address conservation crimes in businesses and industry.
- Increased technical capacities of Indigenous and local communities for monitoring, adaptive management and the legal and sustainable use of natural resources.
- Strengthened capacities of Indigenous and local communities, media outlets, journalist networks and other civil society organizations to report on conservation crimes and sustainable solutions for the Amazon.
- Increased capacities of youth, women and men to generate, share and use indigenous and local knowledge and tools for monitoring and defending territories and natural resources.

PROJECT INFORMATION

IMPLEMENTER: Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)

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