



Rainforest and biodiversity Protection Peru

Helping farmers in the Peruvian Amazon
protect biodiversity



This project invests in sustainable nut processing, forest protection and the establishment of a federation of concessionaires; through these means farmers in the Peruvian Amazon help protect a huge biodiversity hotspot from deforestation.

The Context

The upper Amazonas region, on the eastern slope of the Andes, is a true biodiversity hotspot and habitat of numerous endangered wildlife and plant species. In addition, several indigenous tribes live in the forests, among them some in voluntary isolation. However, this significant area is at risk of losing its wealth of natural resources and biodiversity primarily due to the deforestation caused by ranchers and farmers.

The Project

Local communities benefit from the forest's increased value through the project's creation of a sustainable and valuable local Brazil nut industry. This project works with over 400 families of smallholder Brazil nut concessionaires who manage 300,000 hectares of this forest. By working with these communities to establish modern processing equipment, access to international markets and forest protection practices, high-quality Brazil nuts are produced without impacting on local native forests. A carbon revenue share is generated for every hectare of forest protected, which is distributed amongst smallholders.

The Benefits

By facilitating forest protection, the biodiversity of this significant region is protected. Landowners have better incomes and community organisation is strengthened by the co-managed Federation of concessionaires. This increases the value of the Brazil nut industry and creates new employment opportunities for local communities. In addition, the project is providing landholders with access to microcredit financing for each harvesting season as well as training to ensure sustainable harvesting practices are carried on by future generations.

The project has established the "Federation of Brazil Nut Producers Of Madre De Dios", which provides transparent management for local nut farmers.



460
people



400
families



2,000,000
tCO₂e



300,000
ha

trained in forest protection protocol.

benefit from sustainable nut production, boosting the local economy.

mitigated per year, directly contributing to climate change mitigation.

of forest protected, promoting biodiversity in significant forests.

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