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THE FOREST ALLIANCE

Every year 150,000 hectares of forest are destroyed in the Peruvian Amazon due to agriculture, infrastructure and cattle ranching. Peru's indigenous communities are one of the largest landholders and manage a significant portion of the Amazon forests. The Forest Alliance supports indigenous communities in Ucayali to conserve and manage their forested lands under an innovative model with the private sector.

HOW DOES THE ALLIANCE WORK?

The Forest Alliance support Cacataibo and Shipibo Conibo Indigenous Peoples in the Peruvian Amazon for the implementation of a holistic approach for communal forests management, which empower indigenous men and women for sustainable development and climate change mitigation.

The Alliance currently provides technical assistance to seven indigenous communities in the Ucayali region, through capacity building, equipment and social capital strengthening for land and forest management activities including surveillance and forest control and the development of sustainable economic activities such as timber and non-timber forest production, agroforestry, forest plantations and handcrafting. In addition, it facilitates the strengthening of land tenure security and communal governance as key enabling conditions for forest management. It is also engaging private and public sector stakeholders as partners of the indigenous communities to develop the Communal Forest Management approach, implement sustainable inclusive businesses and scale-up the initiative in other communities.

WHAT RESULTS ARE EXPECTED?

- 520 hectares with improved environmental conditions through land and forest restoration using native species in seven indigenous community lands.
- 120,000 hectares under improved natural resource management, through an innovative community forest management approach in seven indigenous communities' lands.
- 350 indigenous families with capacities for businesses and improved livelihoods.
- 4 sustainable inclusive business developed by organized indigenous communities in partnership with the private sector, strengthening communities' economies.
- 7 control and surveillance community committees strengthened and contributing to indigenous lands security.
- 1 community-based mechanism for monitoring, verification and report (MRV) in operation.
- 1 Communal Forest Management (CFM) model with holistic approach and including sustainable inclusive businesses, scaled-up in more indigenous communities.
- 1 network of private and public sector partners collaborating with the CFM model implementation.

PROJECT INFORMATION

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LEVERAGING PARTNER: Mirova-Althelia Climate Fund

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