



# MADRE DE DIOS AMAZON CONSERVATION PERU

Protecting the abundant biodiversity of Peru's Madre de Dios Amazon jungles from the pressures of human settlement



*The Madre de Dios rainforests are a global biodiversity hotspot, providing habitat to four endangered rainforest flora and eleven endangered wildlife species. This project softens the impact of immigration on this historically isolated and untouched area of the Peruvian Amazon due to the new Inter Oceanic Highway, ensuring its forests are sustainably managed across two timber concessions operating in the region.*

### The Context

Located in southeastern Peru within the Vilcabamba-Amboró Conservation corridor, Madre de Dios is a global biodiversity hotspot. However, its abundance is threatened by encroaching human settlement brought by the new Inter Ocean Highway. Negative human impacts such as deforestation, degradation and habitat fragmentation are already visible in neighbouring Brazil where the highway has been complete for some time.

### The Project

The Madre de Dios Conservation project curbs the impact of human immigration by incorporating rainforest monitoring and sustainable management across two timber concessions engaged in low-impact logging in the region: Maderera Río Acre S.A.C. and Maderera Río Yaverija S.A.C. Project activities include ecosystem performance evaluation and identifying high value conservation forest areas where timber operations are banned, as well as implementing community support activities.

### The Benefits

The project protects local biodiversity by encouraging sustainable work like agroforestry instead of subsistence livestock agriculture, and also improves local life in Villa Primavera, Iñapari and the Bélgica Native Community. Initiatives include an environmentally friendly projects contest, with winners receiving funds-seeking assistance and financial skills training. The Bélgica Native Community's Health and Education Program is another activity where women develop business capacity in handicrafts and ecotourism. In Villa Primavera, the Children's Forest Methodology workshop provides environmental education to teachers, students and parents, fostering sustainable development.

The project area is home to endangered fauna such as the jaguar, giant armadillo, lowland tapir and the giant anteater.



**20,000 USD**

donated to develop the educational Villa Primavera Community Project: "I learn and I keep Biodiversity"



**659,793 tCO<sub>2</sub>e**

mitigated on average each year



**98,932 ha**

of rainforests are sustainably managed by the timber concessions, with 1,610 ha preserved completely



**4,741,214 rainforest trees**

protected, which would otherwise be in danger of extinction

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