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OVERVIEW

Project Sites: Climate Change Management Strategy and Integrated Climate Change Plans developed for the Amazon region; two focalized areas for landscape design: Sabanas del Yari (Caquetá - Meta) and La Perla Amazónica Campesino Reserve Zone (Putumayo); two focalized areas for strengthening conservation and sustainable, inclusive value chains: Piamonte (Cauca) and La Uribe (Meta).

GEF grant: \$9 million **Cofinancing:** \$46 million

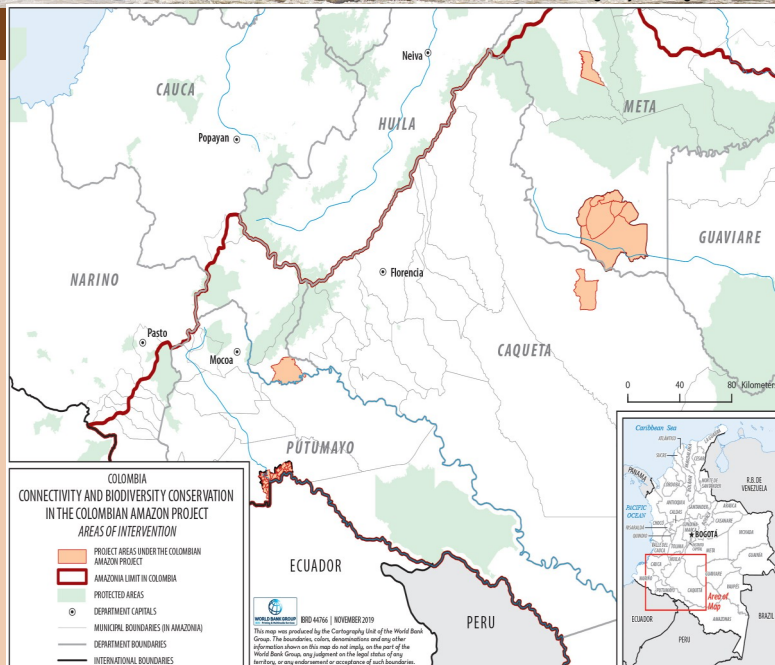
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CONTEXT

The Colombian Amazon forest represents 6.5% of the biome's rainforest and 42% of the country's landmass. Deforestation is threatening the region's biodiversity and its capacity to act as a store of biomass and organic carbon, affecting its ability to mitigate GHG emissions and provide environmental services for the 1.2 million people living in this region. Deforestation in the region is closely linked with colonization processes, aggravated by poverty, social inequities, lack of productive alternatives and the armed conflict dynamics.

In 2013, the Government of Colombia presented the "Visión Amazonía", an initiative that promotes a low-carbon development model and states that the Amazon "cannot simply be a large protected area, but needs to provide alternatives for the development and economic integration of its population, as well for the progress and prosperity for the country at large." In 2018, the Supreme Court ruled that the Amazon is a "subject of rights" related to its protection, conservation, maintenance and restoration.

The Colombian ASL intervention has been implemented through two interrelated projects: 1) Connectivity and Biodiversity Conservation in the Colombian Amazon—Sustainable Amazon for Peace (implemented by the UNDP), and 2) Forest Conservation and Sustainability in the Heart of the Colombian Amazon (implemented by the World Bank).

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project strengthens the capacities of communities and institutions to promote adaptation to climate change and build nature based economic opportunities that contribute to forest connectivity and the territory social and ecological resilience. The main outcomes relate to:

- Sustainable productive landscapes designed and implemented to improve forest cover, connectivity and reduce carbon emissions
- Strengthened community organizations in productive sustainable landscapes management, as a contribution for the construction of peace and reparation for the victims of conflict
- Integrated climate change plans and regional climate change management strategy formulated and implemented with local governments
- New knowledge about sustainable productive landscapes