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## OVERVIEW

**Project Sites:** Serranía de Chiribiquete National Park (NP); Alto Fragua Indi Wasi NP; Paya NP; Serranía de Churumbelos Auka Wasi NP; Medicinal Plants Orito Ingi-Ande Flora Sanctuary; Corridor Páramos Miraflores/Picachos Regional Park, Bajo Caguan and Serranía La Lindosa, Capricho, Cerritos and Mirolindo; 22 indigenous reserves.

**GEF grant:** \$12 million **Cofinancing:** \$60 million

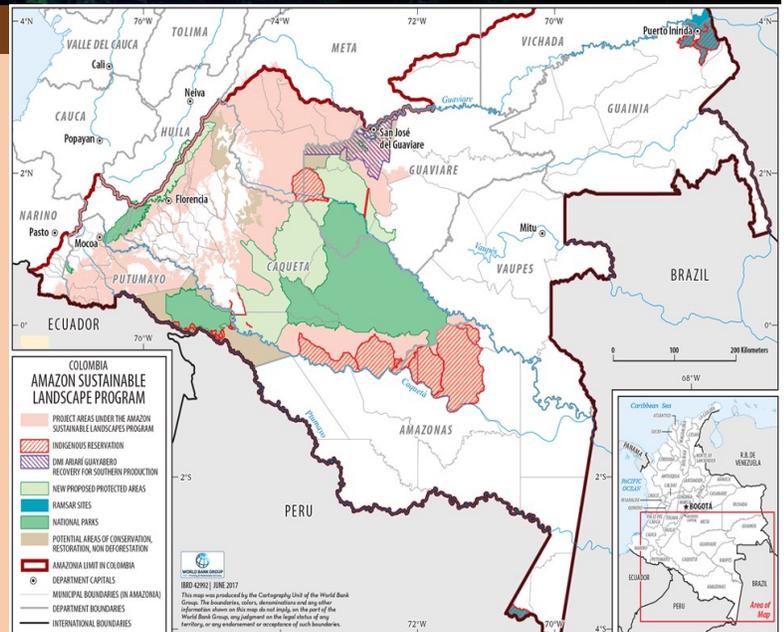
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## CONTEXT

The Colombian Amazon forest represents 6.5 percent of the biome's rainforest and 42 percent 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. It has been estimated that, if current rates of deforestation continue, ecosystem connectivity between the Andes and the Amazon forests will be lost by 2030. In 2013, the Government of Colombia presented the "Visión Amazonía", an initiative that promotes a low-carbon development model, stating 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. Forest Conservation and Sustainability in the Heart of the Colombian Amazon (implemented by the WB), and 2. Connectivity and Biodiversity Conservation in the Colombian Amazon –Sustainable Amazon for Peace (implemented by the UNDP).

## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project aims to improve governance and promote sustainable land-use activities to reduce deforestation and conserve biodiversity in the project area. The main project outcomes involve:

- Expanding and strengthening protected areas management and financial sustainability
- Strengthening forest governance, including capacity to monitor deforestation and enforce policies
- Mainstreaming environment criteria in sectors that drive deforestation
- Promoting conservation, restoration, and no deforestation agreements