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OVERVIEW

Project Sites: Eleven districts located in the regions of Ucayali and Huánuco.

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CONTEXT

Nearly 60% of Peru's national territory, almost 70 million ha, is considered part of the Amazon region. Despite its size, the region is markedly different and isolated from the rest of the country. Ucayali, for instance, remains one of the poorest areas of the country. The region is losing its capacity to provide ecosystem services mainly due to forest cover loss. While in 2001 the average annual deforestation rate was estimated at almost 84 thousand ha/year, by 2017, the rate had increased to almost 156 thousand ha/year. This deforestation is mainly due to illegal logging and conversion of forest to agriculture.

The project supports the implementation of Peru's National Strategy for Forests and Climate Change, contributing to the reduction of deforestation and the recovery of forests in targeted production landscapes. The goal will be achieved by supporting natural resource management and production systems that incorporate environmental sustainability considerations, and through an integrated landscape management approach that recognizes the complexity of local livelihoods and the drivers of deforestation.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project aims to generate multiple global environmental benefits through the application of an integrated approach to the management of Amazonian landscapes.

The project outcomes relate to:

- Improved planning and governance frameworks to enhance sustainable production
- Strengthened market and incentive mechanisms promoting sustainable production practices
- Reduced rates of forest loss
- Improved capacity to restore and sustain ecosystem services