



OVERVIEW

Project Sites: Thirty eight protected areas in the Peruvian Amazon. On the ground interventions in 4 prioritized areas (Rio Abiseo National Park, Tingo Maria National Park, Tabaconas Namballe National Sanctuary, and the Machiguenga Communal Reserve)

GEF grant: \$9 million **Cofinancing:** \$55 million

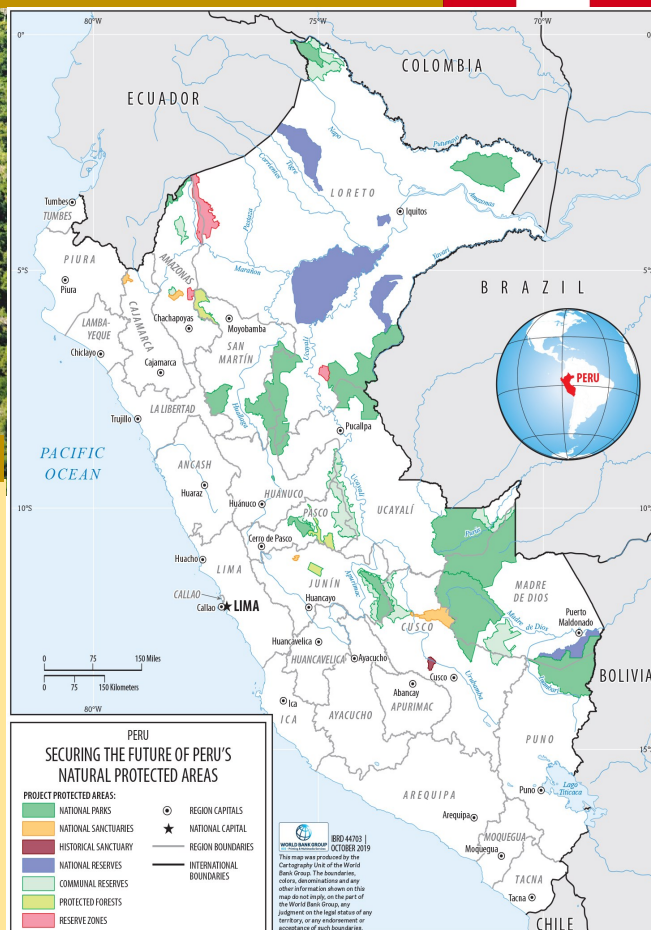
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CONTEXT

Peru hosts the second-largest portion of the Amazon biome, accounting for over 11% of the biome and nearly 60% of Peru's territory. The region is characterized by rich biodiversity and extensive forest land cover which provide critical environmental global and national benefits. In recent years, accelerated development in Peru has translated into new infrastructure that has opened up the region to multiple activities, such as shifting small- and medium-scale agriculture, cattle grazing, illegal gold mining, and illegal crops.

A key strategy of the Peruvian Government to safeguard its portion of the Amazon biome has been the expansion of the national protected area system and improvement of its management. However, the system still faces significant challenges to guarantee long-term conservation and effective management of the protected areas.

This project was designed to develop and implement a financial sustainability strategy. The strategy will not only help close the funding gap for its improved management, but also build institutional capacity, promote agreements among key governmental stakeholders, catalyze long-term strategic planning, coordinate different funding institutions, and develop a vision for the landscape where the protected areas are keystones for sustainability.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project aims to promote long-term financial sustainability for the effective management of the National System of Protected Natural Areas of Peru for the protection of globally important biodiversity and ecosystem services in the Amazon Biome.

The project main outcomes relate to:

- Development of a multi-partner, public, private initiative (Patrimonio del Peru) for long-term financial sustainability of the Natural Protected Areas (NPAs) in the Peruvian Amazon
- Improve management effectiveness and conservation status of selected protected areas