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SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF FOREST CONCESSIONS

This partnership is a new way of doing business for private forest concession holders: the transition from a timber extraction business model to forest conservation, through the international carbon market and the development of a variety of non-timber forest products that are ecologically sound, profitable, and sustainable for private sector forest companies and communities.

HOW DOES THE ACTIVITY WORK?

Green Gold Forestry (GGF) is partnering with the U. S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to establish a sustainable management model for forest concessions in Peru's Amazon rainforest by implementing a no-logging regime across more than 200,000 hectares and transitioning its financial model from logging to a sustainable, multiple revenue stream including environmental services (selling carbon credits to offset carbon emissions), non-timber forest products, ecotourism, and research. The success of this innovative partnership could serve as a model for other timber companies to transition from a timber-exclusive financial model to a multi-source model based on forest conservation, carbon credits, and non-timber forest products. This partnership also provides a new avenue for long-term sustainability as the international carbon market may provide payments for 20+ years, ensuring sustainability long after the USAID activity has concluded.

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Through partnerships with local NGOs *Centro para el Desarrollo del Indígena Amazónico (CEDIA)* and *Derecho, Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (DAR)*, along with the *Federación de Comunidades Nativas del Medio Napo, Curaray y Arabela (FECONAMNCUA)*, GGF will work with 14 neighboring communities to develop sustainable economic initiatives to benefit the community members.

RESULTS ACHIEVED

- GGF and the Regional Management of Forest and Wildlife Development (GERFOR) signed a Memorandum of Understanding for interinstitutional cooperation in order to work together for the sustainable development of Loreto.
- Twenty-five permanent monitoring plots were deployed to collect carbon sequestration levels and forest dynamics within the project's area.
- As a result of the joint work between GGF and GERFOR, 54 people were certified as forest guardians, including 27 people from 14 Indigenous communities adjacent to the GGF's concessions.
- Six forest guardians were hired and trained to carry out river and land monitoring within GGF's forest concessions.
- A social baseline was prepared with support from FECONAMNCUA and CEDIA, to further explore the socioeconomic conditions of 14 communities neighboring GGF's forest concessions.
- A forest inventory was prepared to identify 24 non-timber forest products across 7,430 hectares.

PROJECT INFORMATION

IMPLEMENTER: Green Gold Forestry Peru

DURATION: 03/22/2021 to 03/21/2024

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LEVERAGE: \$1,398,523

LOCATION: Tascha Curaray and Napo river areas in Maynas, Loreto

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