



Forest Conservation and Sustainability in the Heart of the Colombian Amazon (P144271)

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Implementing Agencies: Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Patrimonio Natural, Parques Nacionales Naturales, IDEAM, Instituto SINCHI de Investigación Amazónica

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date:08-Dec-2014

Effectiveness Date:02-Mar-2015

Planned Mid Term Review Date:30-Oct-2019

Actual Mid-Term Review Date:--

Original Closing Date:30-Jun-2022

Revised Closing Date:30-Jun-2022

Global Development Objectives

Global Environmental Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The project's global environmental objective (GEO) is the same as the project's development objective (PDO), namely, to improve governance and promote sustainable land use activities in order to reduce deforestation and conserve biodiversity in the Project area.

Has the Global Environmental Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Project Objective?

No

Components

Name

Component 1 - Protected Areas Management and Financial Sustainability:(Cost \$2.69 M)

Component 2 - Forest Governance, Management and Monitoring:(Cost \$1.05 M)

Component 3 - Sectoral Programs for Sustainable Landscape Management and Regional Management:(Cost \$5.55 M)

Component 4 - Project Coordination, Management, Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E):(Cost \$2.71 M)

Overall Ratings

| Name | Previous Rating | Current Rating |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Progress towards achievement of PDO | ● Satisfactory | ● Satisfactory |
| Overall Implementation Progress (IP) | ● Satisfactory | ● Satisfactory |
| Overall Risk Rating | ● Substantial | ● Substantial |



Implementation Status and Key Decisions

This ISR summarizes implementation progress as it was discussed in the supervision mission held from April 10 to 17, 2018, including field visits in the Colombian Amazon. The countersigned Aide Memoire of the mission is attached to this ISR. Progress is going as planned. Disbursement of the parent project (US\$10.4 million) increased to 60% and considering the funds from the additional financing and the extended project closure, disbursement is 28%. The project team continues to closely monitor the activities to ensure continued disbursement and implementation. The Project has maintained the planned institutional arrangements and the Project Coordinating Unit (PCU) continues hiring the personnel required for the implementation of the project.

The WB project (both the original and the additional financing) will adopt a broad, productive restoration approach that will support productive initiatives compatible with conservation. For the new activities financed with the Additional financing, the project will continue supporting the farmers who have signed the conservation agreements with parent project, to ensure the continuity of the processes already initiated. In the new areas and districts that have been prioritized, lessons learned will be incorporated and consultation processes and community work will start soon.

Detailed progress:

Component 1: Management of Protected Areas and Financial Sustainability. Besides progress in the expansion of the Serranía de Chiribiquete National Park (supported by negotiations and agreements with economic industries and communities), improvements in the management effectiveness of this National Park has continued to improve as indicated by the METT. A governance scheme for the park has been defined and progress was made in the creation of the Steering Committee, Technical and Planning Committee, and Follow-up Committee. These bodies include the participation of other strategic sectors (Ministry of Culture, Ministry of the Interior and the Colombian Institute of Anthropology and History). The operational capacity of the area has improved with key infrastructure and provision of supplies to park headquarters. Control and surveillance activities in the Serranía de Chiribiquete National Park and in its area of influence have been strengthened with positive results like the eradication of 10.5 hectares of coca plantations. A Research Program and Monitoring Protocol have been adopted, and biological inventories were updated through scientific expeditions. From the research, 216 species of fish, 57 species of amphibians, 58 of reptiles, 408 species of birds and 237 species of mammals were identified. Regarding flora, 2093 species were verified.

Component 2: Governance, Management and Monitoring of Forests. Training to technicians working in key government agencies has continued with satisfactory progress. These organizations continue generating important information related to forest surface and deforestation at national and regional levels, and for the targeted areas. Progress has also been achieved towards improving the response capacity of environmental authorities to monitor forests cover and deforestation not only in the Amazon, but also at the national level. Early warning deforestation reports are generated quarterly, and progress has been made in the collection of field information for GHG emissions in the Amazon. The process has allowed the agencies to identify key topics for further training and strengthening. In terms of governance, the project continues supporting the consultation processes with the indigenous communities related to the expansion of protected areas, as well as activities towards the design of indigenous life plans, the exchange and recovery of their cultural traditions, the incorporation of indigenous territories within the zonification processes, support to the exchange between indigenous authorities and environment authorities, and support to traditional food security systems (*chagras*) managed by women, among others.

Component 3: Sectoral programs for sustainable landscape management. The Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MADS) and other project partners have made progress in several intersectoral agreements to control deforestation. These include: (i) the establishment of environmental criteria for the prioritization of roads, within the tertiary road network; (ii) work with the regional environment authorities for the issuance of administrative acts for the disqualification of illegal routes; (iii) early adoption of environmental criteria for prioritizing roads to be financed in the Amazon; (iv) incorporation of environmental criteria in the government Intermodal Transport Master Plan; (v) creation of an environmental technical panel with key partners for the formulation of recommendations for infrastructure plans and other sectoral activities in the Amazon; and, (vi) definition of the terms of reference for a regional strategic environmental assessment of the Northwest Arc of the Amazon. In terms of on the ground support to local communities, to date 362 families have been supported with project activities, including 1,122 hectares of agroforestry plantations, and the signature of forest conservation agreements that involve landscape management planning for a total of almost 44 thousand hectares. These conservation agreements, which include that 40% of each farm's area is destined to conservation, have resulted from the dialogue with different key stakeholders, negotiations with social organizations working in the project, and community workshops with beneficiaries. The project has also strengthened 21 farmer associations with whom agro-environmental business plans have been designed. A land tenure and land use diagnosis has been conducted as a baseline for future tenure planning.



Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

| Risk Category | Rating at Approval | Previous Rating | Current Rating |
|--|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Political and Governance | -- | ● Substantial | ● Substantial |
| Macroeconomic | -- | ● Moderate | ● Moderate |
| Sector Strategies and Policies | -- | ● Moderate | ● Moderate |
| Technical Design of Project or Program | -- | ● Moderate | ● Moderate |
| Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability | -- | ● Substantial | ● Substantial |
| Fiduciary | -- | ● Moderate | ● Moderate |
| Environment and Social | -- | ● Moderate | ● Moderate |



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|--------------|----|---------------|---------------|
| Stakeholders | -- | ● Substantial | ● Substantial |
| Other | -- | -- | -- |
| Overall | -- | ● Substantial | ● Substantial |

Results

Global Environmental Objective Indicators

► New areas of environmental significance brought under legal protection (biodiversity conservation, avoided deforestation)(Hectare(Ha), Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,300,000.00 |
| Date | 21-Aug-2014 | 31-Dec-2016 | 10-Apr-2018 | 30-Jun-2022 |

Comments

The proposed area of the Chiribiquete National Park (PNNSCH) has been expanded by 1.4 million hectares in addition to the 2.78 million hectares, with the total new area under protection of 4.18 million hectares. The decree is expected to be signed by July 2018

► Increase in the average METT score of 5 existing PAs (PNNSCH, PNNAFIW, PNNSCHAW, SFPMOIA and PNNPaya)(Text, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | -- | 60.00 | 59.00 |
| Date | 21-Aug-2014 | 31-Dec-2016 | 10-Apr-2018 | 30-Jun-2022 |

Comments

The METT score for the Chiribiquete National park is 60, surpassing the end target. As the additional financing project was just recently declared effective, the measuring of the METT score for the other protected areas has not been completed.



► Total lifetime direct GHG emissions avoided(Text, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | -- | 0.00 | 7,000,000 |
| Date | 21-Aug-2014 | 31-Dec-2016 | 10-Apr-2018 | 30-Jun-2022 |

► Number of hectares under low GHG management practices (disaggregated between maintenance and direct restoration)(Hectare(Ha), Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 10,110.00 | 12,379.00 | 11,348.00 |
| Date | 21-Aug-2014 | 31-Dec-2016 | 10-Apr-2018 | 30-Jun-2022 |

Comments

The area under conservation and no deforestation agreements is currently 11,257 hectares. In addition, the area with agroforestry practices is 1,122 hectares

Overall Comments

Intermediate Results Indicators

► Mechanism for funding of PA system in Colombia designed and operationsl (Colombia Heritage) (Percentage, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | -- | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Date | 21-Aug-2014 | 30-Jun-2017 | 10-Apr-2018 | 30-Jun-2022 |

Comments

The mechanism, called Herencia Colombia (HeCO), for long term financing of the country's protected area system has been developed with support from the project. In May 2018, the Colombian president announced that 5% of the carbon tax will go to the Herencia Colombia.



► GHG emission levels established annually for the Amazon Region by IDEAM (Number, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Date | 21-Aug-2014 | 30-Dec-2016 | 10-Apr-2018 | 30-Jun-2022 |

► Strengthened capabilities of environmental authorities for forest monitoring according to specific action plans (low, medium, high) (Text, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | Low | -- | Low | Medium |
| Date | 21-Aug-2014 | 30-Dec-2016 | 10-Apr-2018 | 30-Jun-2022 |

Comments

According to the measuring tools established for the parent project, capabilities of the institutions could be measured. According to this, the IDEAM has achieved level 6 (medium), but the other institutions are still in the process of building capacity.

► Early warning system (□□deforestation alerts□□) in the Amazon region operational according to defined criteria (reports per year) (Text, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 4 reports | 4 reports | 4 reports | 4 reports |
| Date | 21-Aug-2014 | 30-Dec-2016 | 10-Apr-2018 | 30-Jun-2022 |

Comments

The early warning system is currently operational and generates reports with a quarterly-frequency at national level, besides specific monthly reports for critical areas. At the end of 2017, 6 reports have been produced including the annual deforestation rate, quarterly early



warning systems for deforestation and the analysis of forest-no forest in the target areas.

► Area of sustainably managed forest (ha) (predominantly forest areas include Ramsar, indigenous territories and areas under Project use agreements) (Hectare(Ha), Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 10,110.00 | 10,110.00 | 43,745.00 | 672,202.00 |
| Date | 30-Dec-2016 | 30-Dec-2016 | 10-Apr-2018 | 30-Jun-2022 |

Comments

The area under conservation and no deforestation agreements is currently 11,257 hectares. In addition, the area with agroforestry practices is 1,122 hectares. The total area involved in land use planning and sustainable management processes is 43,745 ha.

► Number of agreements w/ sectors driving deforest (agric, extractive ind and infrastructure) on land-use plan, strat for integrated landscape manag, policies or regulations, signed and under implementa (Number, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 5.00 | 5.00 | 6.00 |
| Date | 21-Aug-2014 | 30-Jun-2017 | 10-Apr-2018 | 30-Jun-2022 |

► People in project areas with improved access to conservation-friendly livelihood activities (Number, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 1,072.00 | 1,687.00 | 7,075.00 |
| Date | 21-Aug-2014 | 30-Dec-2016 | 10-Apr-2018 | 30-Jun-2022 |

Comments

1,287 people have benefited from conservation and no deforestation agreements. In addition, 400 indigenous people have benefitted from the cultural and environmental management activities supported by the project.



Percentage of women (Percentage, Custom Supplement)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|----------|-------------------|------------------|------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 47.00 | 47.00 | 47.00 |

Number of regional and south-south exchanges that address sustainable integrated landscape development in the Amazon (Number, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2.00 | 8.00 |
| Date | 21-Aug-2014 | 30-Dec-2016 | 10-Apr-2018 | 30-Jun-2022 |

Comments

The project team and beneficiaries participated in two knowledge events: (i) Sustainable agriculture production in Acre, Brazil (march, 2018). The purpose of this event was to learn from experiences related to sustainable productive chains from non-timber forest products; (ii) Annual ASL conference that allowed to exchange knowledge among 6 amazon countries related to the conservation and sustainable management of the region as well as priorities for action in the future

Overall Comments

Data on Financial Performance

Disbursements (by loan)

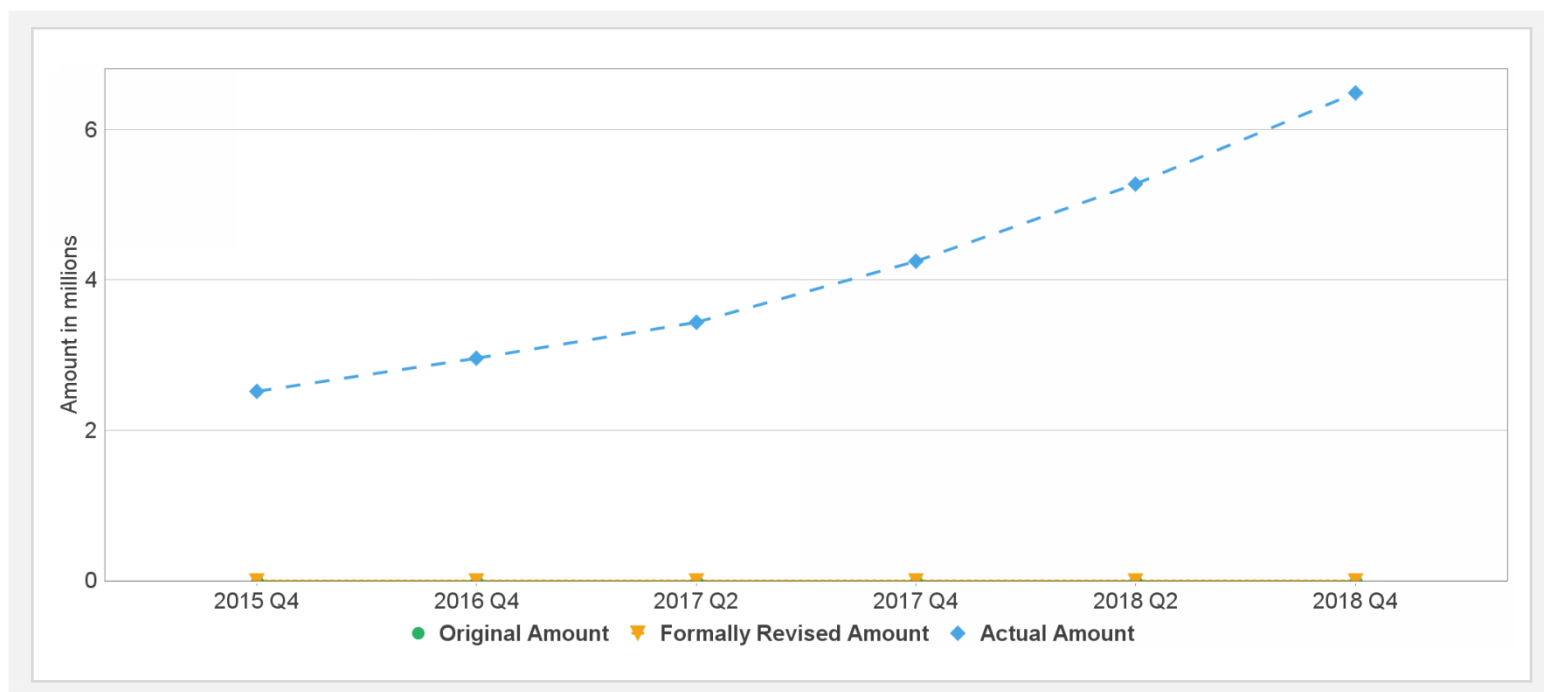


| Project | Loan/Credit/TF | Status | Currency | Original | Revised | Cancelled | Disbursed | Undisbursed | Disbursed |
|---------|----------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| P144271 | TF-18478 | Effective | USD | 10.40 | 10.40 | 0.00 | 6.49 | 3.91 | 62% |
| P144271 | TF-A5789 | Effective | USD | 12.00 | 12.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 12.00 | 0% |

Key Dates (by loan)

| Project | Loan/Credit/TF | Status | Approval Date | Signing Date | Effectiveness Date | Orig. Closing Date | Rev. Closing Date |
|---------|----------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| P144271 | TF-18478 | Effective | 21-Jan-2015 | 21-Jan-2015 | 02-Mar-2015 | 30-Jun-2019 | 30-Jun-2019 |
| P144271 | TF-A5789 | Effective | 31-Oct-2017 | 07-Nov-2017 | 07-Nov-2017 | 30-Jun-2022 | 30-Jun-2022 |

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

P158003-Additional Financing Forest Conservation and Sustainability in the Heart of the Colombian Amazon Project

