

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

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Project Name:	Amazon Regional Technical Assistance
Countr(ies):	Regional, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname
Implementing Agency:	World Bank

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I. Overview

A. Description

Project name

Amazon Regional Technical Assistance

Country

Regional, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname

GEF ID

10737

Implementing Agency

World Bank

Executing Entity

WBG

Trust Fund

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Project Type

FSP

PIR Submission

9/3/2025

Fiscal Year , PIR Number

FY 2025 , 4th PIR

Objective

To strengthen coordination, access to information and capacity of national projects stakeholders under the GEF 7 Amazon Sustainable Landscape Program

B. Ratings and Disbursements

Implementation Progress

Not Rated

Development Objective

Not Rated

Overall risk

NA

Project Financing

9,000,000.00

Cumulative Disbursement

3,869,878.00

C. Key Dates

CEO Endorsement/Approval

3/24/2021

Agency Approval

4/20/2021

Implementation Start 4/20/2021	First Disbursement 10/6/2021
Expected MTR 12/12/2025	Actual MTR
Expected Completion 6/30/2026	Actual Completion

II. PROGRESS STATUS AND ISSUES

A. Progress: Information on progress and outcomes of project implementation activities

The Regional TA aims to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experiences between the seven national projects in Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru and Suriname and with other key stakeholders, including scientists, NGOs, donors and more, strengthening the results of individual project interventions and supporting national, regional and international processes and policies committed to avoiding deforestation and forest degradation in the Amazon, while promoting sustainable landscape management. Activities implemented in FY25 respond to the needs from the national ASL projects, prioritized at the Annual Conference. The Progress report attached to this reporting provides details on progress in the last year for each of the components of the project, including progress against indicators and links to published deliverables. Examples of outcomes include the successful organization of regular PSC meeting, and of the Annual conference (in Georgetown, Guyana in March 2025), start of a new contract with ICCF to promote legislative dialogue in the Amazon, targeted at Parliamentarians, the organization of 4 webinars, participation in 4 external events or side-events (including the Biodiversity COP in Cali), delivery of various activities as part of the working groups in place (see KM) and support to OTCA's Amazon Regional Observatory. In addition, the ongoing work on wetlands in the Amazon, for training sessions for Amazon park rangers, for an Atlas on Amazon food, and for the adaptation of the mining calculator in Bolivia are well advancing. A contract has also been signed to work on river dolphins in times of drought.

B. Challenges: Information on challenges of project implementation activities

A challenge continues to be the engagement with Bolivia, as the project only recently started and although Bolivian stakeholders are being involved in regional activities, the level of engagement has been minor (other than for the mining calculator, which has also been challenging). While with the start of the project this hopefully will change, the current elections are slowing down the process again. Additional challenge has been the elevated costs for in person events involving the 7 countries, particularly if participants are coming from less accessible areas. The end of 2024 was challenging with many COPs requiring a lot of attention from ASL stakeholders, and many events/communication activities from the ASL regional team, leading to a change in the ASL Conference's date, which was organized in early 2025 (the ASL Conference had always been at the end of the calendar year until 2023).

C. Stakeholder Engagement

The Regional TA engages with stakeholders internally and externally. The main mechanisms for internal engagement are the meetings of the Program Steering Committee, which met formally three times during 2024, in March, June, and October; and the Annual Conference, which happened in March 2025 in Georgetown, Guyana, with a total of 106 people attending. Externally, the ASL continued its engagement with Donors and supported OTCA's Amazon Regional Observatory. The ASL continued its engagement with

various Amazon initiatives, including the Panamazon Bioeconomy Network, North Amazon Alliance, Amazon Waters and more.

D. Gender Equality

A gender action plan has been prepared for the program to comply with the GEF's Policy on Gender Equality (SD/GN/02), aligned with the WBG Gender Strategy (FY2016–23). At both regional and national levels, the projects are inclusive, focusing on local communities and indigenous peoples, as well as empowering women and youth.

To strengthen the activities related to gender and youth, a new working group has been established in 2024 at regional level. The Gender and Youth Working Group serves as a collaborative space where national teams can build capacity, and exchange experiences, lessons learned, and innovative practices—ultimately enhancing the impact and effectiveness of ASL projects following inclusive gender approaches. The Working Group's primary objective is to advance strategies towards gender equity, youth inclusion, and community participation through capacity building and knowledge exchange, fostering resilience and sustainable conservation outcomes at both for ASL national projects and regional levels. The WG was officially launched in October 2024 and in November, a survey was conducted to identify members' specific needs, interests, and priorities for the Working Group. Using this input, a 2025 activity plan has been developed, featuring targeted actions to address national projects' needs and strengthen regional collaboration.

The TA also tracks participation in webinars, including men, women, and non-binary gender identities. All numbers are available in the Annual report 2024, available soon.

E. Knowledge Management

Effective knowledge management and learning exchanges are key components of the regional ASL project. Topics to learn from and promote exchange and capacity building are selected based on the expressed needs of regional projects or other partners, ensuring their relevance, potential for scaling across the Amazon and inform national level strategies. The outcomes of such activities are improved capacity to deliver national level activities and the establishment/improvement of strategies in the Amazon on prioritized topics of regional interest, new projects and collaborations emerging, dissemination and awareness raising about the Amazon and ASL. Findings from the 2024 annual PSC member survey indicate strong support for these efforts, with over 82% of respondents agreeing or strongly agreeing that the participatory process for selecting regional knowledge exchange topics was appropriate. Furthermore, 76% of the annual survey respondents acknowledged that activities such as working groups, webinars, publications, workshops, knowledge events, and study tours were instrumental in expanding knowledge on conservation and the sustainable use of the Amazon's natural resources. This confirms that the ASL activities lead to improved capacity, dissemination, connections. To strengthen knowledge exchange among national participants and facilitate participatory planning of activities and dialogue, during 2024, the ASL regional team established new thematic and cross-cutting working groups in response to shared interests identified by national teams to improve implementation and policies related to the ASL projects. Existing thematic working groups continued, and new ones were established: Gender and Youth, Bioeconomy, Connectivity and Corridors, Park Rangers, and Wetlands. Each group has its own dynamic depending on the state of advance and regional activities to be discussed. The establishment of working groups has increased the ASL responsiveness to project priorities and sense of belonging to the regional project. More information on the WG's achievements is available in the Annual report 2024, available soon.

III: Minor Amendments

CONTEXT	
Result Framework	
Components and Cost	
Institutional And Implementation Arrangements	
Financial Management	
Implementation Schedule	
Executing Entity	
Executing Entity Category	
Minor Project Objective Change	
Safeguards	
Risk Analysis	
Increase of GEF Financing up to 5%	
Co-Financing	
Location of Project Activity	
others	

IV: Geographic Coordinates of Project Activities

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Bolivia	-17	-65	3923057

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Advisory support and analytics

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Brazil	-10	-55	3469034

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Advisory support and analytics

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Colombia	4	-73.25	3686110

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Advisory support and analytics

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Ecuador	-1.25	-78.25	3658394

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Advisory support and analytics

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Guyana	5	-59	3378535

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Advisory support and analytics

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Peru	-10	-75.25	3932488

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Advisory support and analytics

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Suriname	4	-56	3382998

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Advisory support and analytics

V. ANNEX

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