

COLOMBIE

Developing a sustainable management method for Colombia's Pacific region forests



Deforestation and illegal logging comprise two major environmental and socio-economic challenges for Colombia's Pacific region. The FFEM is supporting Colombia in developing sustainable management for the region's forests, and in improving both ecosystem preservation and the lives of the local inhabitants.

CONTEXTE ET OBJECTIFS

The Colombian Pacific is regarded as a biodiversity hotspot. The region has over 5 million hectares of forests, but also has one of the highest deforestation rates in the country. 42% of Colombia's wood is sold illegally. The peace process paves the way for formalising forestry exploitation and developing marginalised areas such as the Pacific - the poorest region in the country. Unemployment is very high, and due to the prolonged armed conflict there State services are thin on the ground.

In this context, timber is essential to survival, provided that its use is organised and legal. Via experience gained with pilot projects, Colombia's Ministry of Sustainable Development with the support of the FFEM is implementing a community-based forestry planning process for the sustainable, profitable and legal exploitation of the forests.

DESRIPTIF

The project has three components:

- Boosting forest management tools and human resources (local populations, administrations, students in higher education) to facilitate multi-actor interconnection, give each the means to do their job, and ensure proper regional governance.
- Implementing pilot models for the sustainable management of the forest to reinforce the sector and create added value to benefit the population (forestry planning, marketing for the wood, agricultural projects, non-wood forestry products). Encouraging experience-sharing.
- Through scientific research, generating local information to permit decision-making and delivery for public policy in matters of sustainable forestry management.

IMPACTS

01/12/2018 31/12/2022
Date de début du projet Date de fin du projet

20/10/2017
Date d'octroi du projet

Colombia, Pacific region
Localisation

FOREST AND AGRICULTURAL LAND , Climate change
Secteur(s)

subvention
Outils de financement

5 132 418
Montant du financement dont financement FFEM

1 200 000
Montant du financement FFEM

4 years
Durée du financement

Fondo para la Acción Ambientaly la Niñez
Bénéficiaires

Banque Mondiale UE COCOMACIA Fondo Acción Fondo Colombia en Paz GGGI MADS ONFA UTCh
Cofinanceur(s)

French Ministry of Agriculture and Food

Institution(s) membre(s) porteuse(s) du projet



- Improving the living conditions of the local communities
- Raising the standard of professional skills, and understanding, of communities regarding sustainable forestry management processes.
- Strengthening the ability of local authorities to perform their forestry functions
- Managing at least 36,000 hectares of forest area using a forestry planning scheme

CARACTÈRE EXEMPLAIRE ET INNOVANT

This project, led by the Colombian Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development is integral to the overall structure of the country's REDD+ strategy, to reduce deforestation and forest degradation and contribute to the sustainable management of natural resources.

Relying on the participation of public and private actors as well as communities, it seeks to develop structures and governance principles to facilitate the re-building of trust and upstream profitability of the wood sector. It identifies those obstacles impeding the optimisation of the wood sector, to provide for long-term sustainable management of the forests and to make this economically viable. This project is unusual, in that it works upstream in the chain and incorporates an element of experimental research to develop better understanding of forestry dynamics.