

ALTO HUAYABAMBA CONSERVATION IN PERU



**SUSTAINABLE
AGRICULTURE**



**PROTECTING THE
ECOSYSTEM**



**TACKLING CO₂e
EMISSIONS**



**IMPROVING
LIVELIHOODS**

The project lies within a corridor between two eco-regions of significant global importance: the eastern foothills of the tropical Andes and the Great Wild Area of the Amazon, in the lowland areas of the Amazonian Andes. Here, the main drivers of deforestation include clearing land for pasture, industrial crops, illicit coca plantations and mining. These activities have become prevalent due to the lack of alternative economic opportunities in the region and are putting increasing pressure on the land and local wildlife.

THE SOLUTION

Located in the Mariscal Cáceres Province, in central-north Peru, the project spans over 53,000 hectares. The protected area forms part of a vast wildlife corridor, the Abiseo- Cóndor-Kutukú Corridor, which extends from Sangay National Park in Ecuador to the Cordillera Azul National Park in Perú. The project aims to reduce emissions associated with deforestation and land degradation, by working with the local community to implement sustainable initiatives, such as organic honey and quinoa production, effective land management, environmental education and strengthening local governance. Another core aim of the project is to maintain the water balance of

the upper basin of the Huayabamba River, which supplies water for families living further downstream.



THE IMPACT

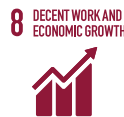
The project reduces greenhouse gases in the atmosphere by preventing deforestation and instead conserving natural ecosystems to boost carbon sequestration. By protecting the Alto Huayabamba area, the project protects many endemic and threatened animal species—like the critically endangered yellow-tailed woolly monkey—but also the services that strong and healthy ecosystems provide, in this case, filtering freshwater from the Huayabamba River. Working hand-in-hand with the local community, there are also a number of social and economic initiatives that benefit families living in the area. So far, two productive associations have been formed: one for quinoa and the other for honey. Multiple community members have also participated in different environmental education activities and 24 families have had their kitchens renovated, reducing their exposure to harmful smoke. On top of this, the project has offered a number of new jobs to local people.



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CLIMATE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Greentripper only selects climate projects that have an impact in terms of greenhouse gas emissions but also in terms of sustainability and co-benefits for the local population. These impacts are in line with the United Nations Development Goals and respect the criteria defined by VCS (Verified Carbon Standard), the most widely used voluntary GHG program to ensure the credibility of emission reduction projects. This climate project contributes among others to these Sustainable Development Goals :



CARBON CREDITS ACCREDITED BY VCS

The VCS program is the most widely used voluntary GHG program. This independent non profit organisation checks the impact of the Project in terms of CO₂-emission reduction. To do so, a lot of data is collected on the spot, such as the amount of hectares protected under this new land management, CO₂ sequestered by the saved trees, number of people positively impacted, etc.



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