



Save the Putumayo River Landscape in the Peruvian Amazon from Land-Grabbing

The Peruvian Amazon is second in size only to the Brazilian Amazon. It covers nearly 60% of Peru's landscape and supports the life of over 12,810 species. Its forests are home to hundreds of Indigenous communities who rely solely on the land to survive. The Peruvian Amazon is also vital in the global fight against climate change as one of our planet's most important carbon stores, containing over 49 billion metric tons of CO₂ equivalents.

Without protection, the last large tracts of pristine, lowland Amazonian forests here will be fragmented by road development (legal and illegal) and destroyed by logging, slash-and-burn agriculture, cattle grazing and colonization. Large-scale oil palm and cacao operations will deal the final blow to this extraordinary landscape, as they have in so many other regions across the Amazon. The proximity to the Putumayo River only makes it easier for invaders to bring rainforest resources to market.

Rainforest Trust and our partner, Instituto del Bien Común, seek \$2,271,400 to support the creation of the 1,691,428-acre Ere-Campuya Regional Conservation Area and formal land titling of approximately 347,305 acres of the communal lands of 13 Indigenous communities surrounding Ere-Campuya. **The project will safeguard critical rainforest habitat in some of the last remaining large tracts of Amazon rainforest in Peru.**

STOP LAND-GRABBING AND DESTRUCTION OF BIODIVERSITY IN THE PERUVIAN AMAZON

Land-grabbing and exploitation jeopardize the sovereignty of Indigenous territories and traditions in the Peruvian Amazon. At the same time, they imperil wildlife species—many of which are already on the brink of extinction. A vast diversity of wildlife species live here, including Jaguar, Giant River Otter and the Harpy Eagle, a majestic bird that plays a central role in Indigenous mythology and folklore. Between 1,600 and 1,800 vascular plant species make it among the most biologically diverse in all of Amazonia.



2,038,733
ACRES

\$2,271,400
PROJECT COST

\$1.11
COST PER ACRE

577,001,724 mT
CO₂ EQUIVALENTS
STORED

KEY SPECIES:

Giant Otter (EN),
Wattled Curassow (EN)



SUPPORT STRATEGIC CONSERVATION IN PERU

Rainforest Trust is working extensively to protect rainforests in the Putumayo River basin. The areas safeguarded in this project contribute to a vast biological corridor in the Putumayo River basin spanning approximately 6.2 million acres just in Peru—an area five times the size of Grand Canyon National Park. Adding Ecuador and Colombia, the corridor covers over 50 million acres.

The proposed Ere-Campuya conservation area will be mapped, created and managed collaboratively by Indigenous organizations and the Loreto regional government with support and guidance from our partner. The adjacent Indigenous communal lands will be mapped and legally recognized. Such formal recognition will forbid encroachment by outsiders and give communities legal recourse against illegal logging, mining and land conversion. This will enable Indigenous Peoples to maintain traditional livelihoods in sustainable ways.

Rainforest Trust is partnering with the International Land Coalition, a human rights-based organization, on this project and others. We value their deep human rights expertise and accountability mechanisms.



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