



Save Critical Habitats: Protect Key Biodiversity Areas in Peruvian Andes

In Peru, two spectacular ecosystems occur in the transition zone between the Amazon rainforest to the east and the grasslands and shrublands on the slopes of the Andes mountains to the west. They are the Peruvian Yungas (tropical broadleaf forests) and the Ucayali Moist Forests, located in the basin west of the Ucayali River, a major branch of the Amazon.

Dominated by mountains, both of these Central Andes ecosystems are rich in biodiversity. They are home to threatened wildlife species such as the Lemon-browed Flycatcher, Black-and-chestnut Eagle, Andean Bear, Blue-headed Macaw, and Military Macaw, among many others.

Rainforest Trust and our partner, Instituto del Bien Común (IBC), have identified 170,000 acres of primary forest in this region that is 85 to 90% intact and threatened by the encroachment of colonists with the associated road construction, and slash-and-burn agriculture that is severely degrading the remaining forests here. The regional government of the Huánuco district in which these pristine forest remnants are found is promoting their protection to combat the growing threats. We seek \$905,305 to support the designation of a Regional Conservation Area called Oso Mayo-Milpo.

The proposed Oso Mayo-Milpo Regional Conservation Area ranges from 4,000-13,800 feet in elevation, creating a variety of habitats for imperiled species. Despite the site overlapping with three Key Biodiversity Areas, the area is in need of an update to a relatively old inventory of biodiversity here, and expectations are high that the renewed attention will affirm exceptional diversity of orchids, birds and amphibians among the cloud forests, gorges and magnificent waterfalls.

FORTIFY A VAST CONSERVATION CORRIDOR IN PERU

The new regional conservation area will contribute to ecosystem connectivity in the Carpathian-Yanachaga corridor of 2.8 million acres that includes three national protected areas: two national parks and a communal reserve. High elevation montane forests and elfin forests are underrepresented in protected area networks in Peru. The new Oso Mayo-Milpo Regional Conservation Area will expand the protection of these forest types and, by connecting to existing protected areas, will expand the corridor for these and other high-elevation wildlife species living east of the Andes above 6,500 feet.



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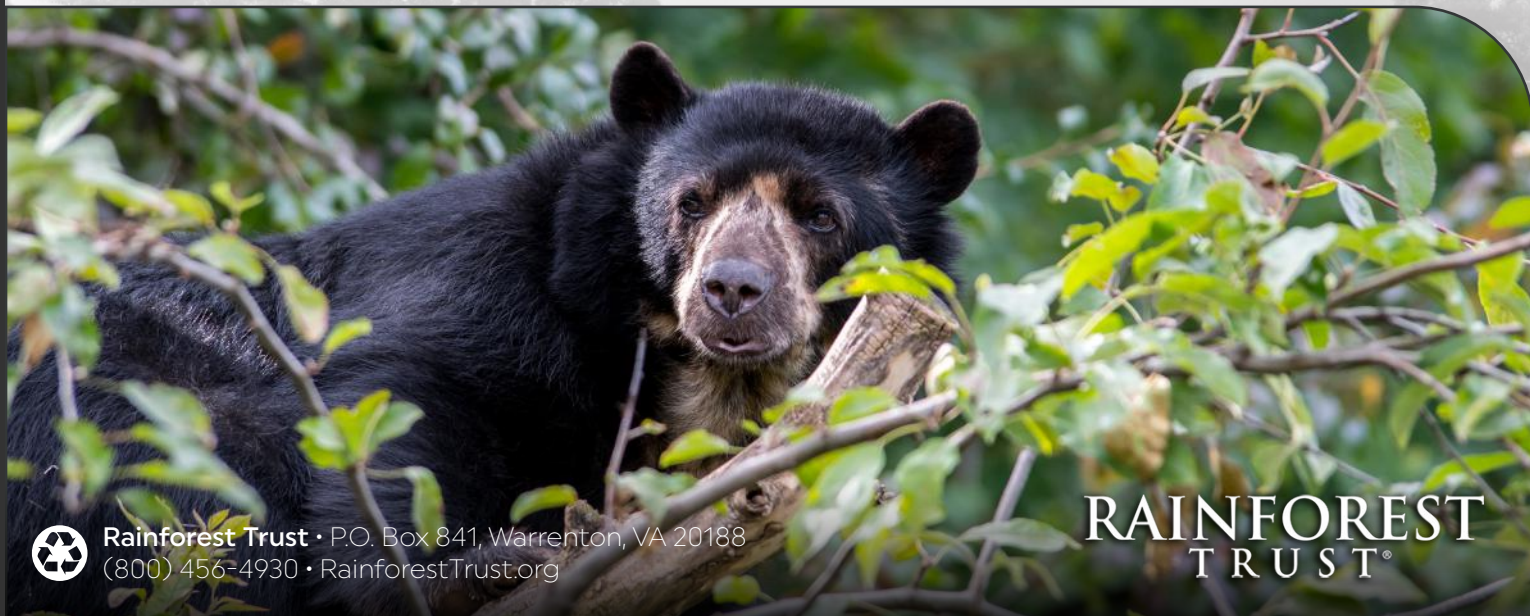
\$905,305
PROJECT COST


\$5.33
COST PER ACRE

36,996,870 mT
CO₂ EQUIVALENTS
STORED

KEY SPECIES:

Black-and-chestnut Eagle (EN),
Andean Bear (VU),
Military Macaw (VU),
Blue-headed Macaw (VU),
Lemon-browed Flycatcher (VU)

[illegible]A black bear with a light-colored stripe on its face is perched on a tree branch, surrounded by green foliage. The bear is looking directly at the camera. The background is a dense forest with various shades of green leaves and branches.

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