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Accelerate Indigenous Land Titling to Protect Carbon-rich Peruvian Amazon

The largest Indigenous population in the Peruvian Amazon lives in northeastern Peru in the department (state) of Loreto, within one of Earth's largest blocks of intact forest. Over 100,000 Indigenous Peoples belonging to 24 unique groups have been effective stewards of these forests for generations.

Activities like logging, coca cultivation, organized crime, and oil development are threatening to overtake Indigenous lands in the Peruvian Amazon. Oil leaks and spills have been wreaking havoc on communities for decades. Road construction drives a vicious cycle: greater access to remote areas causes increased land grabbing, deforestation, extraction—and more roads. This fragmentation can push ecosystems, wildlife, and human communities to the point of no return.

The Peruvian Amazon is a biodiversity hotspot and Loreto is blanketed 90% by rainforests that shelter an astounding 20-40% of the Amazon's birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians—providing critical habitat for threatened species like the Giant River Otter, Amazon River Dolphin, and Common Woolly Monkey.

With our partner, Rainforest Foundation US, we seek \$1,030,605 to protect 550,000 acres of rainforest by helping secure the land tenure rights of at least 40 Indigenous communities within the ancestral homelands of the Urarina people, who have been inhabiting the Chambira-Maranon river valleys for centuries. The project closes important gaps in a vast Amazonian conservation landscape adjacent to the 5-million-acre Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve.

BUILD ON DECADES OF PROGRESS PROTECTING THE PERUVIAN AMAZON

Rainforest Trust has been working in northern Peru for over 20 years with partners to support Indigenous communities to secure title to their ancestral territories, contributing to the protection of over 11.2 million acres. This project builds on that work significantly.

SUPPORT A NEW MODEL PROVEN TO SIGNIFICANTLY ACCELERATE CONSERVATION IN PERU

We now have a tremendous opportunity to help Rainforest Foundation US and its Indigenous partners speed up the painstakingly long process of land titling before their land is grabbed and destroyed. This approach involves the early engagement of local Indigenous associations, enabling the proactive identification and resolution of



550,000
ACRES

\$1,030,605
PROJECT COST

\$1.87
COST PER ACRE

201,812,784 mT
CO₂ EQUIVALENTS
STORED

KEY SPECIES:

Giant River Otter (EN),
Amazon River Dolphin (EN),
Common Woolly Monkey (VU)

Giant Otter, courtesy of Rainforest Foundation US

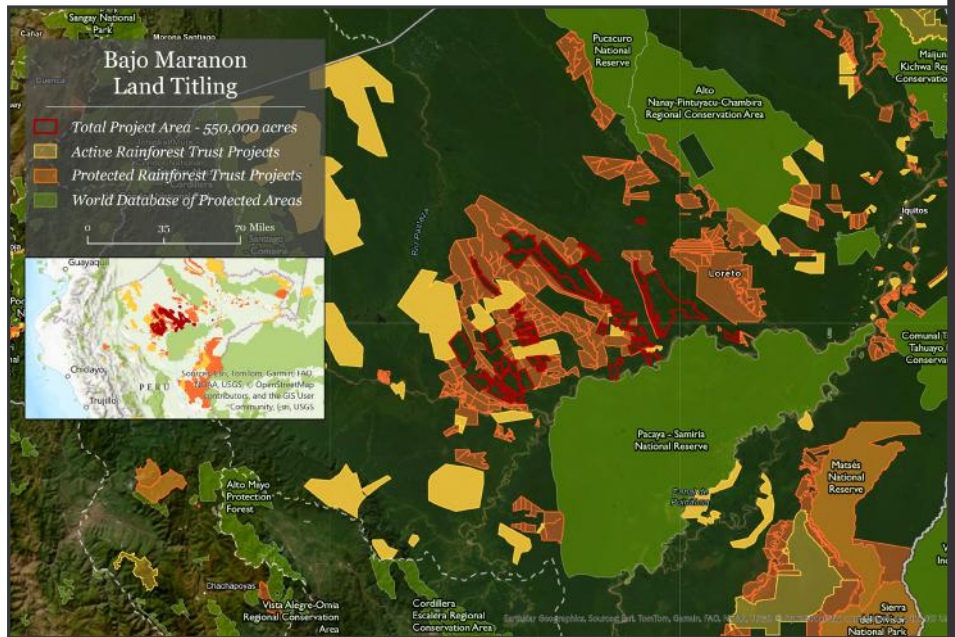


potential community boundaries conflicts, while also assigning specialized staff organized in brigades to support government teams to expedite the required field- and desk-based processes—reducing the wait time by months, even years.

This is a game-changing move forward for conservation in the Peruvian Amazon, and could mean the difference between protection or destruction for millions of acres of rainforest. This model has been successfully piloted and time is of the essence: the favorable political setting could change in 2026.

Our partner is a leader in providing communities with the training, modern tools, and guidance they need to monitor the vast lands under their guardianship and identify threats in real time.

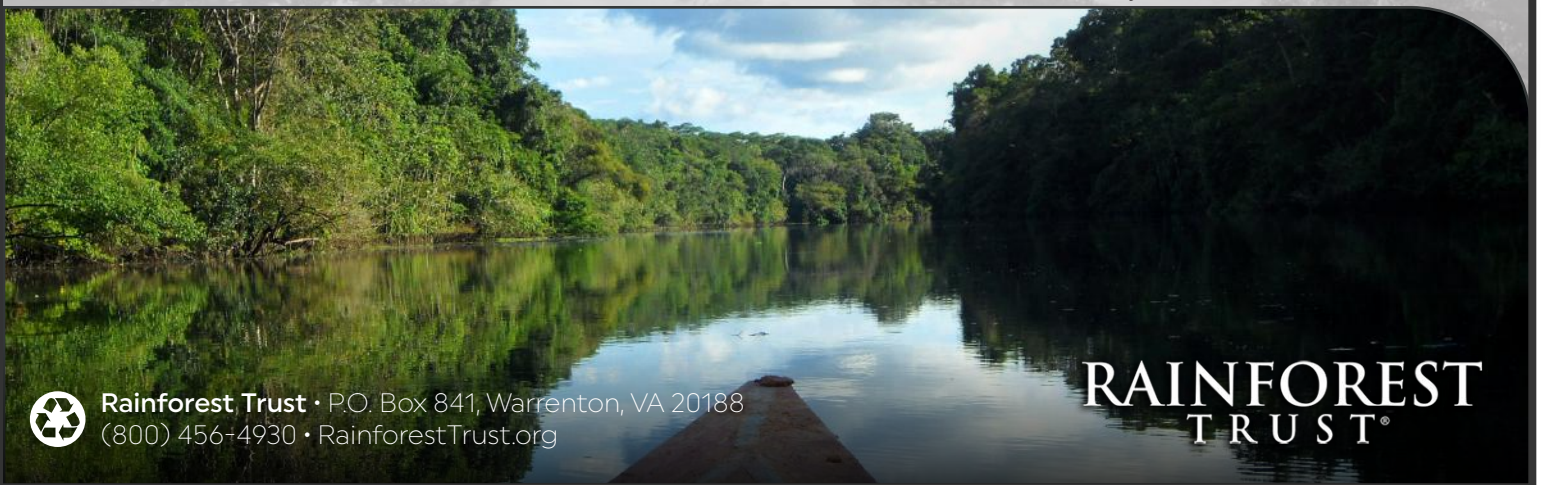
Indigenous communities will have the legal standing to protect the exceptional biodiversity of the region and natural resources for their traditional, sustainable livelihoods.



KEEP THIS EXTRAORDINARY CARBON VAULT INTACT

Loreto boasts the largest peat deposits in the Amazon basin and more than 50% of Peru's aboveground carbon stocks. Peru's forests are vital for global climate, capturing more atmospheric carbon than they emit. The carbon density in this region is among the highest in our portfolio of projects to date.

The Marañon River, courtesy of Rainforest Foundation US



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