

## Forest Value Chains

Communities, Forests and Biodiversity: Promoting Dialogue, Exchange and Forest Value Chains to Adapt and Mitigate Climate Change



Implementation period

**32 months**

May 2019 - December 2021

Countries



Colombia



El Salvador



Guatemala



Honduras

EU grant amount

**€ 738,211**

Overall project amount

**€ 960,690**

### OBJETIVE

Comprehensive forest management models were strengthened with a land management approach as a mechanism to adapt and mitigate climate change.

### ECOSYSTEMS

Tropical forests of Central America and Colombia

Important areas such as:

- The Mayan Biosphere Reserve in Petén, Guatemala.
- Moskitia in Honduras, which has the largest wild area in Latin America and stands out for its mangroves
- Alto Atrato, Chocó – Colombia
- Embalse Cerrón Grande – El Salvador

### PILOT SITES

In Guatemala, we worked with indigenous organizations located in the Maya Biosphere Reserve in the Petén; in El Salvador in the Cinqueras forests, in the Lenca territories of Chilanga and Guatajiagua; in Colombia, with Afro-descendant communities in the Chocó area; and in Honduras with communities located in Olancho, Comayagua, Gracias a Dios, Choluteca and also with the peoples of the Honduran Moskitia ethnic group.

### BENEFICIARIES

The Communities, Forests and Biodiversity project benefited more than 251,866 inhabitants in the four countries through the management of forest concessions, the strengthening of enterprises and the reforestation and restoration of forests.

### MAP - PROJECT INTERVENTION AREAS



“We learned a lot by exchanging with the project,  
and we are going to replicate it in our lands. We  
will take advantage of the resources we have, and  
we will promote sustainability. We can have a  
decent life in harmony with the forest.”

Glenis Garrido – Higher Community Council of the Rural Organization of Alto  
Atrato, Colombia

RESULTS

1

The knowledge generation and learning capacities of Indigenous Peoples' and Community-Based Organizations in climate change mitigation and adaptation have been strengthened.

2

Successful models of forestry enterprises have been implemented in integrated forest management, which can halt deforestation, degradation and biodiversity loss.

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EXCHANGE BETWEEN COUNTRIES

The exchange of information and experience was promoted so that indigenous organizations and communities in Colombia, Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala can have forest management systems and develop businesses to take advantage of the resources in a sustainable way.



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