

Brazil Nut Rainforest Community Project

Madre de Dios, Peru


The second largest share of the Amazon rainforest is located in Peru. The region where the project is located is considered as the region with the highest biodiversity density. Forest damage mainly originates from the massive illegal logging and the use of the bare areas as farmland and grazing land.

The Brazil Nut Rainforest Community climate protection project targets at protecting the valuable primary rainforest which is home of a large number of rare, endangered plants and animals and provides them with a habitat.

Thanks to its activities, the project sustainably grants about 400 families income opportunities through the traditional harvest of Brazil nuts. The local population is strongly involved in the project and is, for example, trained in sustainable harvesting techniques. Modern processing of the nuts increases their quality and gives

small farmers the opportunity to generate higher incomes through the development of new markets. Access to microcredits is also granted within the scope of this project.

The project area covers about 300,000 hectares of original Amazon rainforest. In order to prevent forest devastation, a large number of monitoring mechanisms have been used to continue keeping the forest as a carbon sink.

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