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Outcome 4: Enhancing actions to address the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation

- **Strengthening and aligning policies, governance, and incentives** within the forest sector and across relevant land use sectors and stakeholders towards protection of forests and reduction in forest emissions.

Outputs:

4.1

Forest sector policy and governance changes supported

4.2

Cross sectoral policy, agrifood systems and governance changes supported

4.3

Indigenous and local solutions scaled up and supported

4.4

Incentives aligned, and upfront finance mobilized

Output 4.3: Indigenous and local solutions scaled up and supported

Selected Deliverables:

1

Securing **land and forest tenure** through policy and legal reforms

2

Supporting **financing mechanisms** for Indigenous Peoples and local communities and enabling their direct access to **climate finance**

3

Supporting **social forestry** and Indigenous and community practices for the sustainable management and restoration of forests

4

Promoting Indigenous Peoples **rights and knowledge**

To advance Indigenous and local solutions, UN-REDD works a wide array of organisations of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, and their trusted partners, including the GATC, IIPFCCC, LCIPP, AIPP, CLUA, the Tenure Facility, RECOFTC, Forest Trends, Rainforest Foundation (US & Norway chapters), World Bank, FCLP, Forest Tenure Funders Group (FTFG), Equator Initiative, Confluence Philanthropy, Forest Peoples Programme, and RRI.



Strong interlinkages across the results framework

2026 – 2030 UN-REDD Outputs	Output 4.3 - 'Local solutions' interface, examples
1.2 – Safeguards addressed, respected, monitored and reported	Improve monitoring and enforcement of Indigenous Peoples' rights and safeguards in REDD+ projects
1.3 – Just and fair benefit sharing and social equity operationalized	Support development of Indigenous Life Plans/territorial plans
3.1 – Ambitious, inclusive NDCs mitigation targets in the FOLU sector	Promote IP rights and demonstrate IP and community-led climate action for integration into NDCs
4.1 – Forest sector policy and governance changes supported	Promote IPLC-led forest management plans that incorporate traditional knowledge, monitoring, and sustainable use
4.2 – Cross-sectoral policy and governance changes supported	Promote sustainable production practices for forestry and agriculture with indigenous peoples, community groups, smallholders
4.4 – Incentives aligned, upfront investment mobilized	Promote innovative upfront financing mechanisms that recognize the value of traditional knowledge and ecosystem services provided by Indigenous Peoples and local communities.
CCWA – Social Inclusion & Gender Equality	Deployment of the human-rights based approach across all aspects of UN-REDD delivery.



Intervention modes based on recent UN-REDD lessons and innovations:



Accelerating national commitments to formalize land tenure for Indigenous communities – Ecuador's Amazon



IPs and LCs led climate & nature solutions – Informing & Implementing NDCs



Mobilising private finance for Indigenous and local bioeconomy solutions



Social Forestry & Community-based Forestry



Operationalizing FPIC in REDD+ payments' programmes

1 Securing land and forest tenure through policy and legal reforms

Accelerating national commitments to formalize land tenure for Indigenous communities – Ecuador’s Amazon

Milestone: Formalization of land tenure for Indigenous communities in Ecuador’s Amazon region.

Approach: Technical assistance from UN-REDD combined with funding from the REDD+ Results-Based Payments project.

Innovation: Pilot accelerator that overcame legal and institutional barriers that had stalled tenure progress in Amazon forest lands for 15 years.

Outcomes:



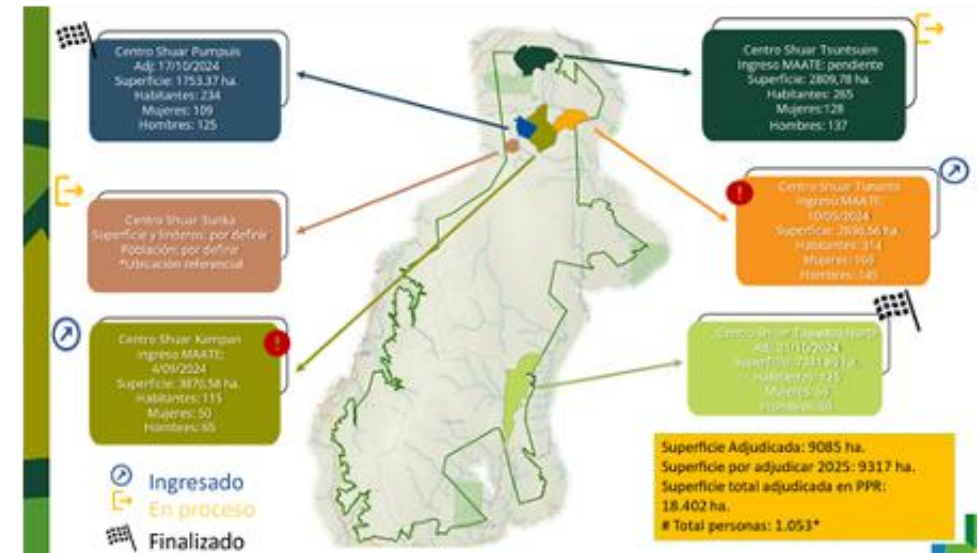
9,085.52 hectares of land
were formalized



359 members of Shuar communities
were allocated this land



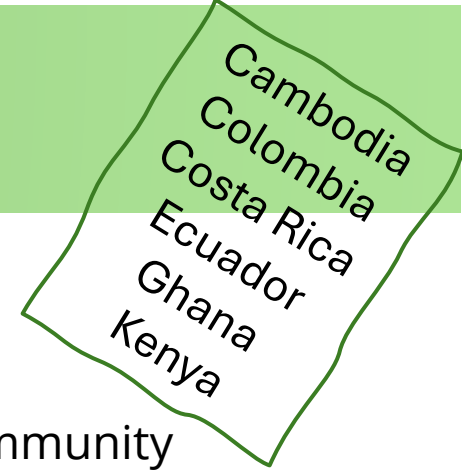
47% of whom are women.



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Supporting **financing mechanisms** for Indigenous Peoples and local communities and their direct access to **climate finance**

IPs and LCs led climate & nature solutions – *Informing & Implementing NDCs*



Through a portfolio approach, UN-REDD provided strategic advice to Indigenous and community organisations so they could access funding for policy and innovation initiatives, focusing on:



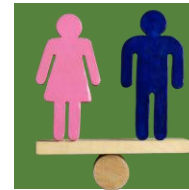
Indigenous Development Plans (**IPs self-determined planning instruments**), in the context of REDD+ benefit sharing



Capacity building to **strengthen Indigenous and local forest governance and land management practices.**



Community forest monitoring to **map, reforest and protect Indigenous and community territories.**



Gender Learning Systems Plans to increase gender equity in community forest management.

These experiences were then mobilized into national NDCs reviews and dialogues, so to inform NDCs 3.0 with intercultural approaches, reflecting IP and LC priorities.

2 Supporting **financing mechanisms** for Indigenous Peoples and local communities and their direct access to **climate finance**

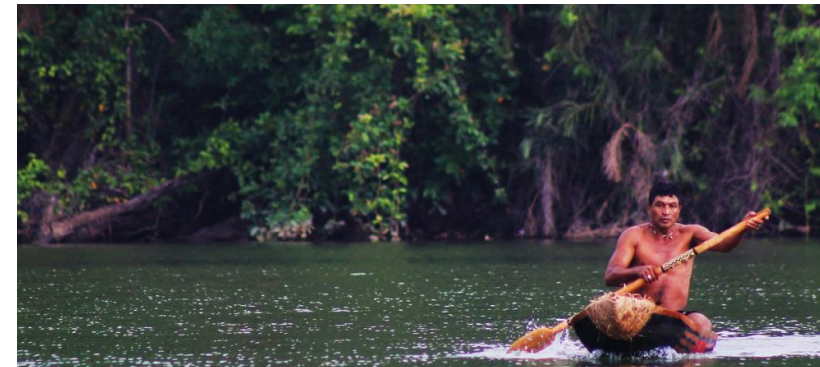
Mobilising private finance for Indigenous and local bioeconomy solutions

Forest Guardians Investment Accelerator: A global platform – still under design – to connect a curated group of sustainable companies and Indigenous territories to channel private investments for Indigenous bioeconomies, including forest conservation, reforestation, tenure, monitoring, and sustainable supply chains (cacao, coffee, etc).



Forest Guardians Investment Accelerator

Connecting Indigenous Peoples and private finance for the Paris Agreement.



3 Supporting **social forestry** and Indigenous and community management and restoration of forests

Community forestry roadmap – Colombia

Entry point: **REDD+ strategy included community forestry** (UN-REDD supported) – drawing on 20 years and multiple past attempts at project level.

Dedicated support: **Technical advisor to accompany specific program development**

Assessing progress: As part of the updating of REDD strategy and related documents, UN-REDD supported **assessments of progress in community forestry components.**

Engage stakeholders and remove barriers: **multistakeholder field visits** made to Guatemala and México (aligning with other efforts by philanthropies and NGOs)

Informing implementation: As GCF RBP rolled out in Colombia, UN-REDD ensured **alignment of community forestry elements** inside GCF and promoted complementarity with Visión Amazonía



3b Supporting social forestry – ASEAN, scaling up and out to Africa

Supporting ambitious national social forestry (SF) programs: Southeast Asia (ASEAN) with scale up to Africa

Building on solid basis and lessons : ASEAN

Entry point: **Ambitious SF programs (ASEAN), but not systematically measuring impacts undermining, among other things, access to finance**

Dedicated support: **evidence base** for impacts, facilitating **integration in NDCs, enhancing market and climate finance opportunities**

Strengthening capacities & tools:

- Monitoring SF, mitigation assessment
- Integrating NbS in forestry/SF
- Supporting access to markets and finance through SF enterprise development

Scaling up and out ... 2026-2030 planning :

ASEAN, scale up to Africa, knowledge generation and south-south exchanges

Enhanced capacities and systems to strengthen evidence base and reporting on impacts of SF to support integration into climate and nature protection initiatives.

Enhanced access to market and finance through integration with climate and nature protection initiatives.

Regulatory framework for SF programs facilitates effective integration in climate and nature protection initiatives.

Additional SDC support will also allow:

- **Scaling up to Africa** (sub-region /countries tbc)
- Facilitate **cross-regional and global knowledge exchange**



4 Documenting and promoting of Indigenous Peoples rights and knowledge

Operationalizing FPIC in REDD+ payment programmes

UN-REDD has been instrumental in designing and operationalizing protocols for Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) in REDD+ financing programmes

- Active participation of Indigenous Peoples & human rights experts
- Recognised as robust models and best practice by the GCF and other partners

Ecuador: REDD+ Consultation and FPIC guidelines formalised under Ministerial Decree

Costa Rica: Implementation of Consultation Decree developed with IP full and effective participation

FPIC as enabler for life and territorial plan development:

Ecuador: FPIC → participatory development of Life Plans and forest restoration.

Costa Rica: FPIC → PAFTs developed to provide a self-determined structured methodology for implementing projects in indigenous territories. PES for Indigenous territories developed.



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