

# ANDES AMAZON FUND

safeguarding the most diverse landscapes on earth



The Andes Amazon Fund (AAF) is a multi-donor grant-making initiative that supports the conservation of the Andes and Amazon of Peru, Colombia, Ecuador, Bolivia, Suriname, Guyana, and Brazil through the designation and effective management of protected areas and Indigenous lands.





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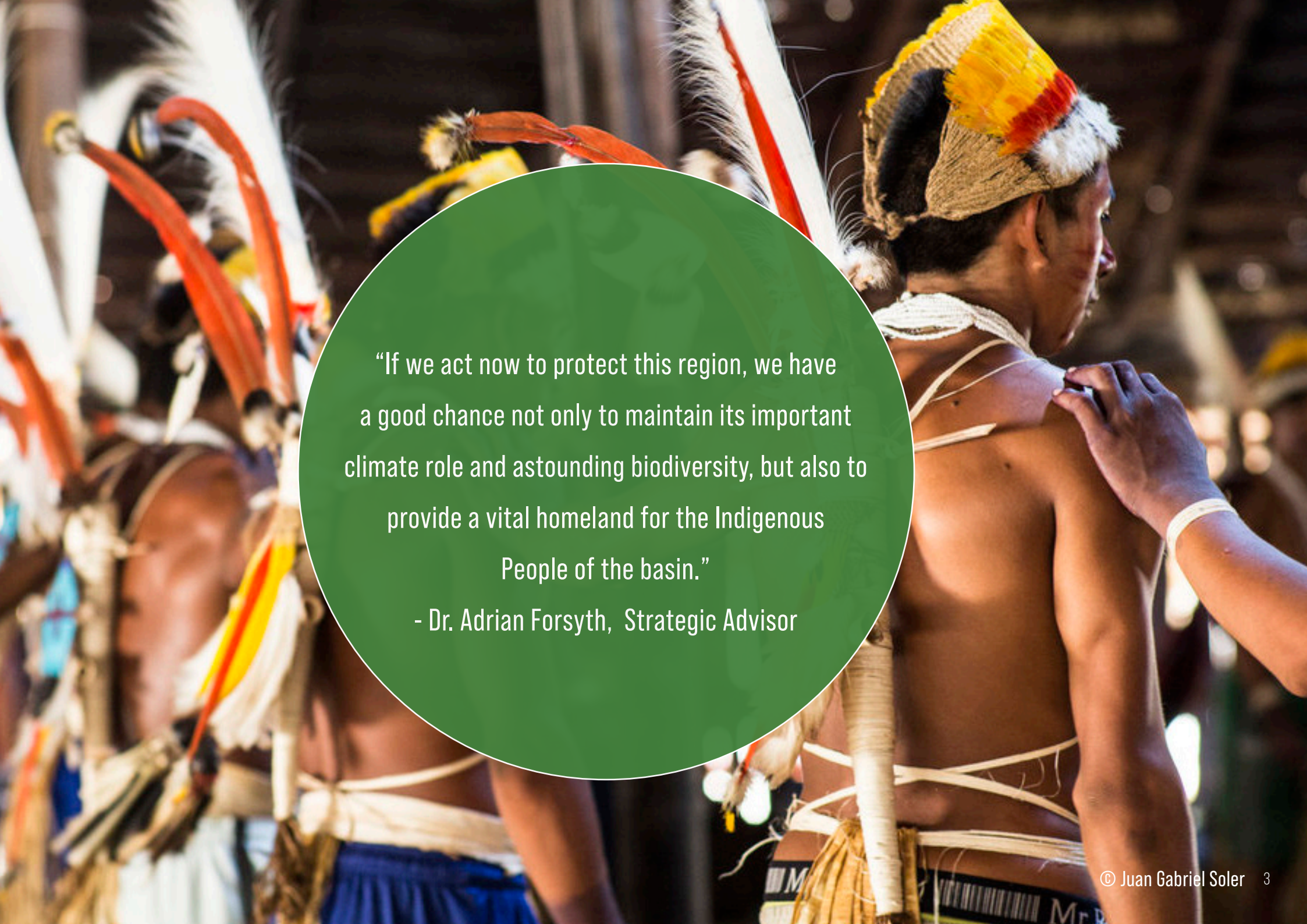
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A photograph of several Indigenous people, likely from the Amazon basin, wearing traditional headdresses made of feathers and palm fronds. They are standing in a line, and the image is partially obscured by a large green circle containing text.

“If we act now to protect this region, we have a good chance not only to maintain its important climate role and astounding biodiversity, but also to provide a vital homeland for the Indigenous People of the basin.”

- Dr. Adrian Forsyth, Strategic Advisor



# ABOUT US

Since 2014, Andes Amazon Fund (AAF) has worked with local partners to conserve the biodiversity, ecosystems, and environmental health of the Andes and Amazon.

We have helped establish over 38 million acres (15.5 million ha) of new protected areas and Indigenous lands so that local cultures and nature can flourish.

Andes Amazon Fund is committed to making sure no area becomes a “paper park.” We have invested in establishing effective management practices in 166 protected areas covering more than 121 million acres (49 million ha) to date, while also connecting these areas to longer term financing options where possible.

Satellite monitoring has shown that AAF-supported areas have deforestation rates averaging 25.5% lower than other protected areas in the region (MAAP 2024).





## Our grantmaking focuses on two strategies:



Establish new, legally-recognized protected areas and Indigenous lands.



Ensure effective management systems are in place for the newly designated areas and identify longer-term financing options for their protection.





# OUR GRANTEES

We achieve our goals by awarding grants to 40+ non-profit organizations that support the technical and outreach work to formally protect key sites. To date, our grantees have been working in Peru, Colombia, Bolivia, Ecuador, Brazil, Guyana, and Suriname.





# OUR IMPACT

through July 10th, 2024



**195**

areas with new  
formal protection



**38 MILLION**

acres with new  
legal protections



**121 MILLION**

acres with  
improved  
management



# IMPACT - RESULTS TO DATE (2014-2024)

148

## PROTECTED AREAS ESTABLISHED

33,198,701 acres

81

Regional / Municipal  
Conservation Areas

20,911,112 acres

52

Community-based  
Conservation Areas

1,334,835 acres

15

Nationally Protected  
Areas

10,952,755 acres





## IMPACT - RESULTS TO DATE (2014-2024)

47

INDIGENOUS LANDS SECURED  
5,244,851 acres

19 Indigenous Reserves

- 17 *Resguardos* (Colombia)
- 2 *Reservas Indígenas* (Perú)

28 Titled Indigenous Community Lands





# OUR TEAM



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## Turning our mission into action

We see a clear path to a strong, healthy future for the lands we protect. Our team of devoted experts work hand-in-hand with our partner organizations, Indigenous peoples, and other local communities to advance AAF's vision.



# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS





# CHIRIBIQUETE

National Park - expansion



3,673,656 acres

Guaviare & Caquetá,  
Colombia



Now one of the largest national parks in South America, Chiribiquete protects 10.5 million acres of Amazonian rainforest in southern Colombia. Largely unexplored, Chiribiquete's landscape appears almost otherworldly with massive *tepuy*s—table-top mountains—and domes protruding from dense rainforest. These rock formations are estimated to be 2 billion years old. Aside from their geological significance, the *tepuy*s are thought to have been sacred religious sites for Indigenous Peoples. One of the highest rates of plant diversity in the northern Amazon can be found within the park's lowland rainforest.

Andes Amazon Fund supported the Colombian National Park Service with a \$1 million contribution for the management of Chiribiquete and is working with the local organization FCDS to monitor and address deforestation in the surrounding areas.

Grantee: Fundación para la Conservación y el Desarrollo Sostenible - FCDS,  
Patrimonio Natural







# YAVARÍ TAPICHE

## Indigenous Reserve



2.7 million acres

Indigenous Reserves are designated by the Peruvian government for the protection of Indigenous peoples living in voluntary isolation and initial contact. These groups are characterized by their immunological and cultural vulnerability, and the vast 2.7 million acre Yavarí Tapiche Indigenous Reserve provides strict protection for one of the most pristine and vulnerable regions of the Amazon in both biological and cultural terms.

Andes Amazon Fund is collaborating with the Ministry of Culture of Peru to support the Indigenous Reserve's initial protection from the threat of illegal activities. Strategies range from supporting fly-over monitoring, raising awareness in surrounding communities, and establishing and equipping control posts staffed by protection agents.



Loreto, Peru

Grantees: Centro para el Desarrollo del Indígena Amazónico - CEDIA,  
Centro de Conservación, Investigación y Manejo de Areas Naturales - CIMA







# BAJO PARAGUÁ

## Municipal Conservation Areas



2,810,513 acres

Santa Cruz, Bolivia



The Bajo Paraguá Municipal Protected Area in San Ignacio spans a massive 2,429,061 acres of Chiquitano and Amazonian forest. Located to the northwest of this area, the Bajo Paraguá-Concepción Municipal Conservation Area protects an adjacent 381,452 acres of Amazonian, Chiquitano and floodplain forests.

The creation of the Bajo Paraguá areas secures a connectivity corridor that spans over 10 million acres. These protected areas form an important barrier in the fight against deforestation in the Chiquitano ecosystem, which saw a loss of 10% of its tree cover in less than two decades and has been severely impacted by fires in recent years.

Andes Amazon Fund partnered with grantee Fundación Natura Bolivia to organize fire prevention workshops and trainings for local communities within and surrounding the area. Fire gear and safety supplies were distributed and a community monitoring mechanism was developed for the conservation of forests and biodiversity.

Grantee: Fundación Natura Bolivia





Logo of the Government of the Department of Beni and the Fundación Natura Bolivia.

**Área Protegida Municipal de Bajo Paraguá de San Ignacio de Velasco**

Ley autonómica Municipal N° 469/2021  
Superficie: 983.006 ha

Conservando la diversidad biológica y cultural en los bosques amazónicos y chiquitanos

Map of Bolivia with the protected area highlighted in green.

Aerial photograph of the protected area showing a river and forest.

APMBAJOPARAGUÁ



# LOS OTORONGOS

## Conservation Concession



13,320 acres

San Martín, Peru



Conservation concessions entrust long-term protection of publicly owned land to non-profit institutions or other entities in exchange for investments in conservation and sustainable development.

Los Otorongos is composed of humid forests and is located inside the buffer zone of Río Abiseo National Park and adjacent to the Gran Pajaten Biosphere Reserve. The area was granted to an association of local community members in San Martín and maintains a high ecological value for its protection of various threatened species of flora and fauna, such as the jaguar, the South American tapir, and the red cedar.

Through our support, partners led a workshop that established the area's management plan for the next five years. Other training provided the local community an opportunity to learn how to effectively use GPS tracking and drones to monitor and report deforestation in the area.

Grantee: Amazónicos por la Amazonía - AMPA









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