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# AMAZON VALPARAÍSO

## BRAZIL

Located within the Brazilian state of Acre, **Amazon Valparaíso** preserves 28,000 hectares of pristine tropical rainforest alongside the Valparaíso and Jurua Rivers in the Amazon Basin. By enhancing the quality of life and socio-economic development of local populations through training in sustainable agriculture, provision of health services, and education, the project makes conservation an economically viable alternative to slash-and-burn agriculture, cattle ranching, and commercial logging.

## IMPACTS

### BIODIVERSITY & ECOSYSTEMS

The rainforests surrounding the Valparaíso and Jurua Rivers contain some of the highest levels of biodiversity in the world, with 30,000 endemic plant and 42 endemic animal species. The ecoregion also has the highest mammal and bird richness recorded in the Amazon: 257 mammal and 782 bird species. The project is imperative to protecting its species diversity and freshwater networks.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Locals are receiving training in sustainable agricultural practices, and the project has launched a community association to assist with cassava flour and açai production. Valparaíso is also implementing new education programs and expanding regional health centres and dental clinics.

## EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

Amazon Valparaíso will prevent the emissions of 1.5 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> over the first 10 years of its 30-year lifetime, validated and verified under the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS). It has also achieved CCB Gold status for exceptional community benefits.

## ENDANGERED SPECIES

The jaguar is the flagship species of the area and has declined by 25% in the last 20 years due to habitat loss, trophy hunting, and illegal trade. In addition to the jaguar, Amazon Valparaíso protects critical habitat for at least 25 species, including the lowland tapir and short-eared dog.



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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# ENVIRA AMAZONIA

## BRAZIL

The **Envira Amazonia** project protects 39,000 hectares of tropical rainforest alongside the Jurupari River, near the city of Feijó in the state of Acre, Brazil. A highway built in the 1980s has consistently increased deforestation and development pressure in the area, especially for cattle ranching. The project was formed in response to these pressures.

It prevents the emission of more than 12.6 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>, preserves an extraordinary amount of biodiversity – especially rare birds – and directly benefits local communities.

Landowners are implementing many activities to assist communities and mitigate deforestation pressures, such as agricultural support, deforestation patrols, and sustainable economic alternatives.

## IMPACTS

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The project is working to establish alternative sources of income and employment opportunities for residents through offering agricultural extension training courses, granting residents land tenure, employing locals as deforestation

patrollers, and operating programs to commercialize the collection, transport and sale of medicinal plants and açaí. Work is also underway to increase local water quality and improve farming conditions by retaining topsoil and controlling erosion.

## EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

Envira Amazonia will prevent the emissions of 12.6 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> over the first 10 years of its 30-year lifetime, validated and verified under the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS). It has also achieved CCB Gold status for exceptional biodiversity and community benefits.

## ENDANGERED SPECIES

The region hosts an extraordinary amount of tropical, endangered, and/or endemic birds, such as the blue-headed macaw and Amazonian parrotlet. The project also conserves habitat for threatened tree species such as bigleaf mahogany.



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# KASIGAU WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

## KENYA

Nestled between Kenya's Tsavo East and Tsavo West National Parks, the **Kasigau Wildlife Sanctuary** protects 200,000 hectares of dryland forest threatened by cattle ranching, poaching, subsistence agriculture, and illegal tree harvesting. It supports over 116,000 locals through job creation, carbon credit payments, and sustainable development; protects thousands of endangered animals, including lions, cheetahs, leopards, and elephants; and prevents the emissions of more than 45 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>. It is also the first REDD+ project in the world to issue VCS credits.

## IMPACTS

### BIODIVERSITY & ECOSYSTEMS

Kasigau protects 200,000 hectares of dryland acacia-comiphora forest and its biodiversity. The area is a vital migration corridor for thousands of animals crossing from Tsavo East to Tsavo West National Parks, including more than 50 species of large mammals, 20 species of bats, and over 300 species of birds.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Without the project, locals would have few options to provide for their families other than slash-and-burn agriculture. Kasigau directly employs 350+ people, including as unarmed wildlife rangers and tailors for its Fairtrade-certified eco-friendly clothing line. One-third of carbon credit revenue is distributed directly to 4,500 local landowners, and the wider community of 116,000 benefits from economic and social development, including organic greenhouses, access to clean water, education, and training in sustainable farming. To date, the project has awarded 3,200 high school and college scholarships; built or renovated 30 classrooms, including supplies and furnishings; introduced pre-kindergarten to the area; and provided 50,000 people with clean water, which has further improved school attendance.

### EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

Kasigau will prevent the emissions of 45 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> over its 30-year lifetime, validated and verified under the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS). It has also achieved CCB Gold status for exceptional biodiversity and climate benefits.

### ENDANGERED SPECIES

The wildlife corridor is a safe haven for 11,000 endangered African elephants (and a permanent home for 2,000 of them), plus other threatened or vulnerable species such as giraffes, Grevy's zebras, wild dogs, cheetahs, lions, and leopards.



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# MAI NDOMBE

## DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Mai Ndombe protects over 250,000 hectares of critical bonobo and forest elephant habitat within the world's second-largest intact rainforest, the Congo Basin. It empowers communities in one of the world's most impoverished countries by creating a pathway to low-carbon economic development, agricultural and economic diversification, education, and healthcare. Without its presence, the area would likely be leased to foreign logging and mining companies.

### IMPACTS

#### BIODIVERSITY & ECOSYSTEMS

A mix of tropical and swamp forests, these areas are part of the globally significant Lac Tele-Lac Tumba landscape, one of the most important wetlands in the world and the largest freshwater area on the African continent.

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The project area is home to more than 30,000 people who previously lacked consistent heal-

thcare, education, clean water, and food security. They now have improved access to drinking water, agricultural and economic investment, education, healthcare, and capacity building. The project directly employs over 100 locals for monitoring and management and provides widespread capacity building workshops. It has established a mobile medical clinic to improve access to health care for isolated rural villages, and collaborates to carry out medical tours, health needs assessments, and to create modest but proper health centers in local communities. It is also building at least 19 schoolrooms in communities, some of which have never before had schooling, as well as distributing school supplies.

#### EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

Mai Ndombe will prevent the emissions of 176 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> over its 40-year lifetime, validated and verified under the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS). It has also achieved CCB Gold status for exceptional biodiversity and climate benefits.

#### ENDANGERED SPECIES

These rainforests are home to the bonobo, the endangered great ape that is humankind's closest relative, found only in the Congo Basin. They are also home to the endangered forest elephant, giant pangolin, brown-cheeked hornbill, and Osborn's dwarf crocodile.



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# NII KANITI

## PERU

**Nii Kaniti** means ‘forest and development’ in the indigenous language local to the Ucayali region of central Peru. The project prioritizes indigenous-led development, scaling up sustainable community forest management to improve the livelihoods of seven remote indigenous communities on the edge of the Peruvian Amazon. By preventing land invasions for unsustainable agriculture, illegal use of forest resources, and land grabs, it protects 120,000 hectares of threatened forest, home to animals such as jaguars, macaws, and tapirs.

A distinctive feature is a social enterprise, Nii Biri, which is a hub for indigenous economic activities and supports business administration, scaling of production, and improved market access for local producers.

## IMPACTS

### BIODIVERSITY & ECOSYSTEMS

Nii Kaniti protects almost 120,000 hectares of critical rainforest in Ucayali. It maintains essential habitat connectivity and facilitates movement, dispersal and the ecological function of flora, fauna, and the ecosystem.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The project supports seven communities belonging to two indigenous ethnic groups – Shipibo Conibo and Cacataibo – through improving community forest management. These communities are remote, with several only reachable by boat from the Ucayali River. Many indigenous people living in the area depend on the forest yet remain in poverty and social exclusion. Nii Kaniti aims to build resilience into their livelihoods by supporting them to better protect and conserve their lands. All activities address community needs through extensive collaboration.

### EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

Nii Kaniti will prevent the emissions of 2.7 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> over the first ten years of its 20-year lifetime, validated and verified under the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS). It has also achieved CCB Gold status for exceptional climate and biodiversity benefits.

### ENDANGERED SPECIES

The project protects tropical habitat home to an abundance of species, notably the near-threatened jaguar and the blue-headed macaw and tapir, both classified as vulnerable by IUCN.



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# SOUTHERN CARDAMOM

## CAMBODIA

**Southern Cardamom** protects 497,000 hectares of lowland tropical rainforest in Cambodia's Cardamom Rainforest landscape. The Cardamoms are a critical part of the Indo-Burma global biodiversity hotspot – one of the planet's highest conservation priorities. Their forests are threatened by illegal logging for high value timber, fuel for Cambodia's garment factories, and deforestation by outsiders for land sales. The project addresses these threats by supporting communities and local government with protected area management, law enforcement, and by helping to develop alternative livelihoods that depend on forests and biodiversity.

## IMPACTS

### BIODIVERSITY & ECOSYSTEMS

The Cardamom landscape is the region's largest climate regulator and carbon sink, critical habitat for countless species, and, with 22 major waterways, an important watershed. The project supports a team of 98 rangers and 25 anti-poaching community members that patrol the forests and monitor activities. Acting as a watchdog for both government departments and frontline rangers, staff verify all law enforcement

actions – such as ensuring that appropriate penalties are imposed or that seized timber is not stolen – and build ranger capacity through daily, on-the-job coaching.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Around 16,000 people, many of whom are below the poverty line, live in the areas surrounding the project. Southern Cardamom is providing scholarships for higher education through a community fund; helping to ensure permanent land access for all community members through tenure registration; and expanding its award-winning community-based ecotourism projects, which have demonstrably raised incomes and reduced deforestation.

### EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

Southern Cardamom will prevent the emissions of 110 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> over its 30-year lifetime, validated and verified under the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS). It has also achieved CCB Gold status for exceptional climate and biodiversity benefits.

### ENDANGERED SPECIES

The project is home to more than 50 endangered species such as the Asian forest elephant, Asiatic black bear, sun bear, pileated gibbon, Bengal slow loris, mainland clouded leopard, and fishing cat, as well as the critically endangered Sunda pangolin, Siamese crocodile, Southern river terrapin, and giant ibis.



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# RIMBA RAYA ORANGUTAN RESERVE

## INDONESIA

Nestled in the southern coast of Borneo lies the **Rimba Raya Orangutan Reserve**. One of the most highly endangered ecosystems in the world, this lowland peat swamp forest is home to over a thousand plant and animal species.

Every day, paper and palm oil interests put Indonesian forests in jeopardy. Losing them means losing one of the largest natural carbon stores in the world. Rimba Raya helps protect these forests, the communities and wildlife that depend on them, and improves access to clean water, clean energy, and health care for these communities.

## IMPACTS

### BIODIVERSITY & ECOSYSTEMS

At almost 47,000 hectares, the area is extremely rich in biodiversity, and vital habitat for countless animals and plants. The project is restoring natural forests and mangroves through tree planting, monitoring biodiversity to ensure effective management, and promoting sustainable fishing and cleanup programs for the Seruyan River.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Rimba Raya's community development programs are designed to meet all the Sustainable Development Goals. The project creates alternative income streams through capacity building, investments in micro-finance, and planting native species such as latex, chewing gum, and essential oils on previously degraded land. It also provides water filters, solar arrays, clean cookstoves, school supplies, and educational scholarships, and operates a mobile medical clinic to reach remote, underserved areas.

### EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

Rimba Raya will prevent the emissions of 100 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> over its 30-year lifetime, validated and verified under the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS). It has also achieved CCB Gold status for exceptional biodiversity, climate, and community benefits.

### ENDANGERED SPECIES

The reserve is home to over 120 threatened and endangered species, including flagship species like the endangered Bornean orangutan, clouded leopard, gibbon, proboscis monkey and Asian sun bear. The largest privately funded orangutan reserve in the world, Rimba Raya is a critical patrolled buffer to Tanjung Puting National Park, home to one of the last remaining wild orangutan populations on the planet. Rimba Raya is deeply committed to their protection, partnering with Orangutan Foundation International to deliver conservation programs.



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