

Forest Carbon, Markets and Communities (FCMC) Program

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Summary of Activities in Peru
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The **Forest Carbon, Markets and Communities (FCMC) program**, funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by Tetra Tech and partners, is a global project supporting USAID's work on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD+). FCMC has four task areas related to REDD+ capacity building: Social and Environmental Soundness (**SES**); Finance and Carbon Markets (**FCM**); Measurement, Reporting and Verification (**MRV**); and Low Emissions Development Strategies (**LEDS**). There is also staff dedicated to cross-cutting coordination and integration between the key thematic areas.

FCMC assists in the development of a comprehensive approach to a bottom-up REDD+ strategy in Peru, for which FCMC partner Conservation International (CI) is working with several government and non-government partners. Both activities include in-country coordination from CI Peru and Dr. Claudio Schneider is the in-country contact person. The following is a summary of activities in progress:

- **Constructing a Nested REDD+ Safeguards and Standards (REDD+ SES) System.** Working with the Peruvian Ministry of Environment (MINAM) and the San Martin Regional Government, this project aims to: strengthen capacity; raise public awareness of safeguards and standards; support local and national discussions; identify synergies and help advance safeguard tools; and serve as a framework to guide a national discussion process on safeguards and a national safeguards information system, as well as develop a new model for the nested application of social and environmental safeguards in Peru. The project is testing a nested model for assessment of social and environmental performance; informing development of best practice and guidance; implementing a model for learning and exchange with other Nested REDD+ regions; and contributing to the development of a national REDD+ safeguards information system. This activity will inform the development of best practice and guidance on REDD+ safeguard approaches in the Latin American region, as well as at the global level.
- **Partnering on the development of forest monitoring activities in support of a MRV system.** Through collaboration with the University of Maryland (UMD), and in coordination with SilvaCarbon, FCMC is conducting capacity building in MINAM on forest monitoring-related activities. This includes the installation of a semi-automated, satellite-based forest monitoring system and the development and application of validation strategies to assess data produced by this and other efforts. It also includes the demonstration of a near-real time alert system that will send email notifications of deforestation and fires to governmental and local users. Finally, the activity includes fundamental capacity building on forest monitoring for selected regional governments in order to improve their ability to engage with the national government on various potential aspects of MRV. The activity has resulted in a national map of deforestation for 2000-2012 made by MINAM, which will be described in a forthcoming report on Peru's national and subnational deforestation rates. The near-real time alert systems demonstration and regional capacity building workshops will occur throughout 2014.

FCMC implements these activities in order to make a significant contribution to REDD+ capacity in Peru, as well as deliver on both USAID's and FCMC's goals in this country. In addition, FCMC seeks close coordination with other related efforts supported by the US Government, such as those of SilvaCarbon on MRV and USAID's long-term regional project Initiative for the Conservation of the Andean Amazon (ICAA), as well as those of other donors and partners including the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility, Inter-American Development Bank, the United Nations Collaborative Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries (UN-REDD), and multi- and bi-lateral development partners.

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