



WWF SCAPES Program

Infrastructure development and biodiversity conservation in the Eastern Cordillera Real



Challenges



- Implementing innovative local social control mechanisms to monitor the agreement.
- Ensuring continued monitoring of the impacts of the project to ensure that the construction complies with social and environmental standards.
- Preventing further habitat loss and fragmentation associated with migration and deforestation driven by economic factors.
- Capacity of the environmental authority to manage the implementation of the management plan and to effectively engage with and support community based organizations and development processes.



Opportunities

- Development of successful tools and approaches that could improve the environmental sustainability of infrastructure development in the Amazon basin.
- Influencing the final road design, and the engagement and dialogue between the Government of Colombia, the IDB and local civil society, and the mitigation / compensation package for the road.
- Conducting the first regional environmental assessment that will analyze the cumulative impacts of the project.
- Develop the concept of forest friendly roads with IDB.
- Multiscale work with IDB, INVIAS and civil society partners at a local level.

How are we doing?



- Things that are working: The interest of INVIAS to comply with the social and environmental standards according to the contract signed with the IDB. The level of involvement of local institutions.
- Things that are not working: Communications with the national organizations and the institutions at the local level, mainly due to time lags from planning to actual implementation.