

# EVERLAND

## HALF YEARLY IMPACT REPORT

ALTO MAYO REDD+ PROJECT  
Q3-Q4 2022



### Summary



Located in the Peruvian Andean Amazon, the Alto Mayo REDD+ project conserves the 182,000ha, ecologically rich Alto Mayo Protected Forest (AMPF), which has been designated an Alliance for Zero Extinction site due to its critical importance to the survival of Peru's endemic fauna and flora. By effectively stemming some of the highest deforestation rates in Peru, the project is projected to generate over 10 million tons of Verified Emissions Reductions over 20 years.

The project team is planning for an upcoming validation and verification of credits through regular technical meetings with the government and plans for the official integration of Afforestation, Reforestation, and Revegetation (ARR) activities. A new Master Plan was approved, highlighting the activities to be undertaken in the Alto Mayo Protected Forest between 2023 and 2027. Recent political uncertainty has shaken Peru's economy, with negative impacts radiating to communities in the project area.

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### Preliminary carbon units estimated ahead of Nesting

Since last November, the technical teams from the Ministry of Environment and Conservation International Peru have started meeting regularly to share the advances of the REDD+ nesting process and the RENAMI framework (National Registry of Mitigation Actions). This includes knowledge sharing of the methodologies used to create the deforestation risk maps and ultimately the allocation tool in preparation for the release of the new Verra Avoided Unplanned Deforestation (AUD) methodology.

Based on preliminary estimations for the allocation of carbon units using the REDD+ nesting framework, the project team found strong alignments with those newly calculated using the project's existing methodology. Thus, while the nested framework has not been finalized and the annual credits allocated to the project will be lower with the new baseline approach, the team is confident the carbon credits that will be allocated to the project will continue to support its long-term investment priorities. All of Amazonia will be allocated a risk level from low to high: between 0 to 9. Based on the initial estimations, the Alto Mayo REDD+ project will have areas ranging from 3 to 8, as expected from initial baseline scenario projections.

The team plans to request that the carbon units recently achieved be allocated in the interim so they serve as bridge funding to maintain strong performance during the transition phase between the use of project-level baselines to the nested jurisdictional baselines. In February, the project team will send an official letter requesting permission to undertake validation and verification of the project for 2021-2022 using the existing standard. The team expects that Verra will release the new REDD+ and ARR methodologies by June 2023.

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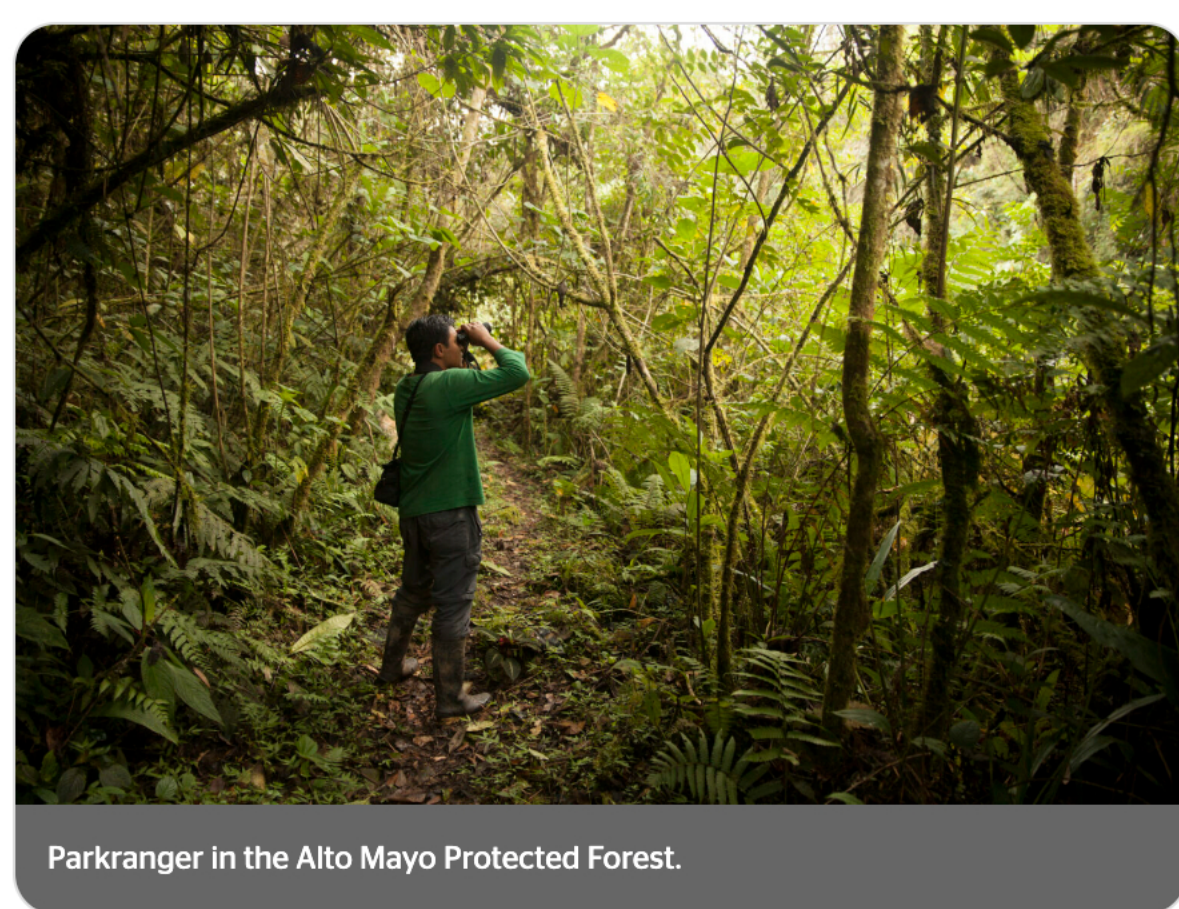
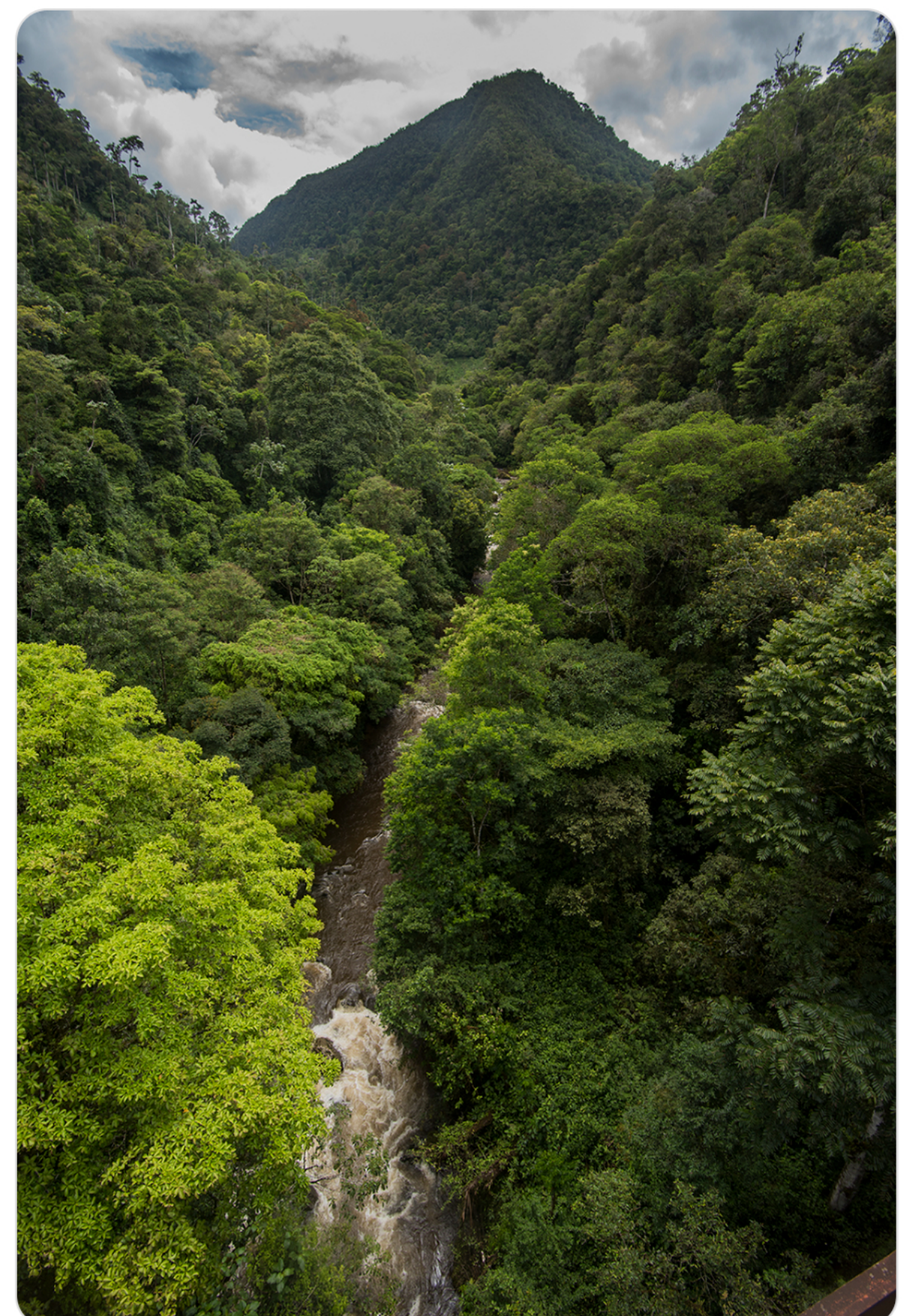


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Parkranger in the Alto Mayo Protected Forest.

#### Forest Restoration is Progressing

Afforestation, Reforestation, and Revegetation (ARR) activities will become a second source of carbon credit generation within the Alto Mayo Protected Forest during the next verification phase. Following a period of internal monitoring in December, 5,499 ha were officially characterized as restoration landscapes, which will be undertaken through a combination of agroforestry and natural regeneration. Based on current conditions, it was concluded that 2,792 ha of this area needs moderate assisted regeneration support and 1,523 ha requires a high level of support to ensure restoration is successful. The project is planning activities to align with the restoration needs of the landscape, including targeting restoration through the sustainable coffee cooperative program, and undertaking assisted natural regeneration in secondary forests near settlements and along the boundary of primary forests.

The project team is currently in the process of adjusting the estimation of ARR carbon credits to be potentially claimed during this year.

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### OPPORTUNITIES

#### Public Funds available to the project

In response to the severe economic crisis in Peru that acutely impacts rural populations, the government has launched several public funds to alleviate operation costs for agriculture and rural entrepreneurship. To support the communities, the project has submitted several proposals for these funds, two of which have a high likelihood of being selected:

\$33,000 from AVANZA RURAL - an initiative that promotes the empowerment of women residing in rural areas. These funds would be used for an entrepreneurship program led by the women's association of the AMPF (AMEDBAM), to improve the quality of their embroidery and handicraft products whilst linking them to competitive markets. 26 women of AMEDBAM have been included as the main beneficiaries of this fund.

\$28,000 from AGROIDEAS - an initiative that promotes the strengthening of business management and the adoption of environmentally sustainable agricultural technologies of agricultural producers in Peru. These funds would be used to strengthen the commercial and business skills of the COOPBAM's coffee cooperative (COOPBAM) to enhance the level of exportation to specialty markets. COOPBAM's manager has been identified as the direct beneficiary of this fund.

In parallel, existing public funds allocated to the project organizations and entrepreneurship have been continuously supported and monitored.

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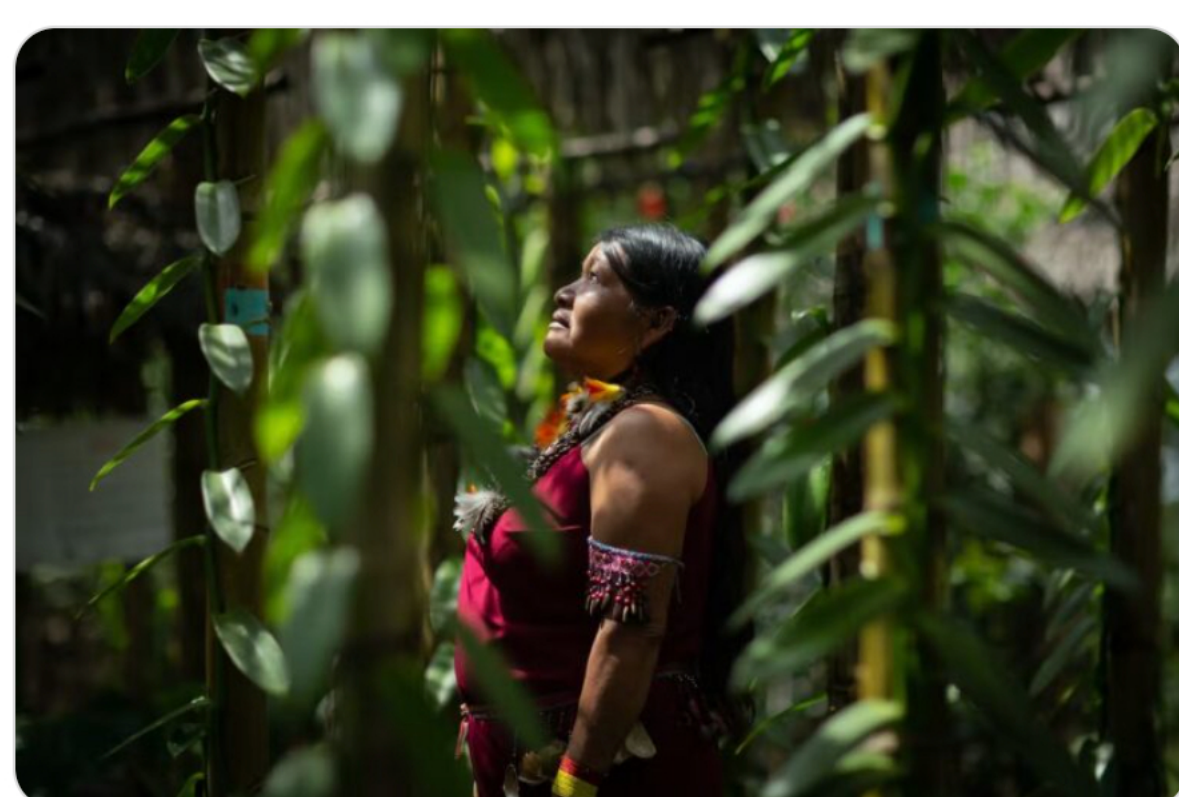
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### CHALLENGES



#### Uncertainty due to political context in Peru

After the impeachment of President Castillo last December, Peru entered a new political crisis. Demonstrations are prevalent across many Peruvian regions, resulting in blocked roads, increased violent activity, and the scarcity of basic products including food, medicine, and petroleum - together devastating Peru's economy.

Due to the political crisis in Peru, the prices of many basic supplies needed for the implementation of the project's economic activities have increased significantly. Sustainable agriculture is one of the most heavily impacted activities; some organic fertilizers have doubled in price due to one demand and low supply. Furthermore, compared to pre-pandemic years, basic food supplies, medicine, and cleaning supplies have tripled in price or are completely unavailable for purchase.

The project has adapted all of the benefit packages to the availability and cost of supplies, to ensure sufficient packages are still being received by the local community members. Optimistically, local community members are showing resilience to this difficult period, revising their daily diet and seeking alternatives for medicine and cleaning supplies to make the best of the current situation.

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