

**Report of the mission to participate in the meetings of the Steering Committees of the ITTO projects PD 2/00 Rev.2 (F) and PD 3/00 (Rev. 2 (F) on transboundary Conservation Ecuador/Peru in the Condor Range, Quito, Ecuador, 17-18 June 2002**

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| <b>Project title</b>               | <b>PD 3/00 Rev. 1(F) « Bi-national conservation and peace in the Condor Range Region Ecuador-Peru (Peruvian component)</b>                              |
| <b>Country</b>                     | Peru  |
| <b>Implementing agencies</b>       | INRENA - Instituto Nacional de Recursos Naturales, in cooperation with Conservation International, and with the participation of indigenous communities |
| <b>ITTO contribution to budget</b> | US\$ 699'981.-  |
| <b>Donors countries</b>            | Switzerland, Japan, USA   |
| <b>Duration</b>                    | 24 months   |
| <b>Starting date</b>               | April 2002  |

After the 1995 war between Ecuador and Peru over territory in the Cordillera del Condor, both countries intensified their efforts for the return of peace. In their endeavor they had the support of the international community, particularly of the nature conservation organizations. In 1998, the Itamaraty Peace Agreement was signed, and among other mechanisms of its implementation there was the creation of adjacent protected ecological zones, one in each country, as part of a transboundary ecosystem in the Cordillera. This region is characterized by a rich biodiversity, comprising several endemic species. In a concerted effort, Ecuador and Peru jointly submitted to the ITTO a pre-project for the formulation of concrete projects. Switzerland cofinanced this pre-project, *PPD 7/99 Rev.1 (F) « Initiative to develop a conservation project for the Condor Range Region »*. Among the results of the pre-project were two components, Ecuadorian and Peruvian, of the project *«Bi-national conservation and peace in the Condor Range Region Ecuador-Peru »*. Switzerland cofinanced only the Peruvian component.

The project aims at contributing to the consolidation of the peace process, between Peru and Ecuador, through the creation of transboundary area for nature conservation in the Condor Range, and promotion of sustainable development of indigenous and local populations. The specific objectives of the project are:

- To establish the bases for the sustainable management of natural resources in the Condor Range.
- To establish an integrated system of nature conservation areas in a framework of land use plan.
- To promote consolidation of peace between Ecuador and Peru.

The project's Steering Committee meetings took place on June 17-18, 2002 in Quito, as follows:

- 17 June 2002, morning: Steering Committee meeting of the Ecuadorian component, PD 2/00 Rev. 2 (F), chaired by M. Xavier Bustamante, National Executive Director of Fundación Natura.

- 17 June 2002, after-noon: Steering Committee meeting of the Peruvian component, PD 3/00, chaired by M. Carlos Ponce, Vice-President of Conservation International.
- 18 June 2002: bi-national meeting co-chaired by Mrs. Ruth Elena Ruiz, Director of Natural Ecosystems and Biodiversity, Fundación Natura.

The main points of the national components agendas were the following:

- Composition of the Steering Committees
- Approval of the first Yearly Plan of Operations (YPO) for 2002-2003.

The decisions and recommendations of the Committee meetings for respective project components can be summarized as follows:

Steering Committee meeting of the Ecuadorian component, PD 2/00 Rev. 2 (F)

The meeting reviewed the composition of the Steering Committee, based on the Agreement between ITTO and the Government of Ecuador. The Committee comprises representatives of ITTO Secretariat, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Donor Countries (Japan, USA, Korea, France), Conservation International, Fundación Natura, Shuar Federation. Invited observers are representatives of INRENA (Peru) and the Coordinator of the Peruvian component PD 3/00 Rev. 2 (F). The representative of the Ministry of Environment will chair the Committee. The role of the Committee will be to provide guidance to the project and to ensure its follow-up. Its decisions are taken by consensus. The delegate of Switzerland also recommended, and it was approved, to have in addition, a Consultative Committee consisting of key stakeholders which will serve as an advisory and information forum, and will contribute to the strengthening of alliances. The Committee also approved the idea of the implementing agency to have local sub-committees to reach out for the implementation of the project.

The meeting also analysed and approved the project's YPO for 2002-2003. In the discussions preceding the approval, the project coordination was requested not to modify the project's objectives and outputs, and not to review fundamentally its organizational chart. However the Committee approved the need to operate budget adjustments wherever that was justified due to inflation.

In other business, the Committee recommended several actions including the following:

- To provide a detailed description of the composition of the project's team and of the responsibilities of its members, relating them to the different expected results;
- Provide joint Ecuador/Peru maps for the project area;
- For the ecological zoning, make contacts for exchanges with ITTO's Iwokrama project in Guyana;
- Write articles on the project for publication in ITTO's Tropical Forest Update;
- Make a joint presentation Peru/Ecuador of the project's results in the May 2003 ITTC Session in Panama;
- Participate in the ITTO/IUCN international workshop on transboundary conservation to be held in February 2003.

Steering Committee meeting of the Peruvian component, PD 3/00 Rev. 2 (F)

The meeting reviewed the composition of the Steering Committee. This comprises representatives of INRENA, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Peru), Donor countries, ITTO Secretariat, Indigenous peoples (*Awajun – Wampis*), Conservation International Peru. Invited

observers are representatives of the Ministry of Environment of Ecuador, and the Coordinator of the Ecuadorian component PD 2/00 Rev. 2 (F).

The meeting also approved the YPO 2002-2003 presented by the Executing agency. In the presentation of the plan, the members noted Peru's decision to extend the Santiago Comaina Reserved from 863,277 ha to 1,600,000 ha. This will require an additional staffing effort.

In other business, the Committee recommended several actions including the following:

- The project should update its activities to take into account the more recent ITTO's guidelines and criteria and indicators;
- Provide joint Ecuador/Peru thematic maps for the project area;
- For the ecological zoning, make contacts for exchanges with ITTO's Iwokrama project in Guyana;
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#### Bi-national meeting

Common strategies will consist in the following:

- Make proposals of Conservation units (Ecuador) and of the Natural protected area sub-system (Peru);
- Support the processes of land tenure rights;
- Contribute to the consolidation of peace;
- Promote the establishment of the Condor-Cutucú Conservation Corridor through participatory processes;
- Encourage the interchange of experiences between indigenous peoples of Shuar (Ecuador) and Awajun – Wampis (Peru), the local communities and public and private institutions of both countries;
- Evaluation and monitoring of the mining activities, with the involvement of the mining sector, the local communities and the local governments, and other interested parties.

Common activities will consist in the following (Nota bene: common activities will be further elaborated and fit under the corresponding common strategies above):

- Finalize the master plans or management plans of the protected areas;
- Coordinate the efforts for the proposal of the creation of a Transboundary Biosphere Reserve;
- Design and negotiate the second phase of the ITTO project;
- Search for new sources of technical and financial cooperation.

Mechanisms for coordination and cooperation:

- Create an electronic network for the exchange of experiences, opinions and ideas between the organizations that are involved in the project;
- Maintain a permanent communication between the project coordinators;
- Maintain binational meetings between technical project teams;
- Exchange of documents on methodologies, reports and project results;

- Exchange of information with other initiatives on sustainable management and conservation themes, particularly on transboundary conservation;
- Active participation of the projects representatives in regional and forums, particularly on the initiatives of both countries;
- Examine the possibility of creating a joint projects corporative image;
- Create a mechanism for information and outreach to the communities in the projects area;
- Put the information on the projects on the web sites of respective implementing and collaborating agencies;
- Ensure participation of representatives of implementing and collaborating organisms, and project coordinators in joint periodic meetings of national and binational Steering Committees;
- Maintain and strengthen the coordination with the Binational Development Plan of the Ecuador/Peru Border Region, and invite representatives of this Plan from both countries to participate in the binational ITTO projects Steering Committee meetings.

After these meetings, the delegate of Intercooperation visited Colombia, on the invitation of the Ministry of Environment, to advise CORPOAMAZONIA on the finalization of the project proposal presented to ITTO, « PD 136/02 Rev. 1 (F) “Ordenación y manejo sostenible de los bosques amazónicos del corregimiento de Tarapacá, departamento del Amazonas”. The observations and recommendations given to the Ministry and CORPOAMAZONAS are summarized in Annex below.

## ANNEX

### PD 136/02 Rev. 1 (F) “ORDENACION Y MANEJO SOSTENIBLE DE LOS BOSQUES AMAZÓNICOS DEL CORREGIMIENTO DE TARAPACÁ, DEPARTAMENTO DEL AMAZONAS”, COLOMBIA

Los bosques de Tarapacá que cubren una gran extensión se ubican en el único departamento de Colombia que no está afectado por el conflicto armado. Para ello acciones como lo que presenta esta propuesta, que tienen un potencial de generar empleos pueden constituir un factor de prevención de conflicto, y por consiguiente de desarrollo sostenible. Resulta entonces de suma urgencia que la OIMT apoye Colombia a ejecutar este proyecto que representa una gran oportunidad socioeconómica para el Departamento de Amazonas y el país, en general, y las comunidades locales en particular.

Comparada con la primera versión del documento de proyecto, la nueva versión de la propuesta es bastante mejorada en su contenido y en su forma, y queda solo pocos ajustes para finalizarlo. Al análisis por ejemplo, los dos objetivos específicos constituyen en realidad un solo objetivo de establecer los instrumentos de manejo forestal sostenible. Hay resultados que deben mas bien constituir actividades para lograr este objetivo. Una actividad, “conformación del sistema SIG”, se podría elevar al nivel de resultado. La realización de un SIG en la sede del proyecto es de gran importancia para un área de tanta extensión y complejidad, y para los objetivos de manejo sostenible y los requerimientos del monitoreo de este manejo.

Lo que no aparece claramente es lo que va realizar el proyecto para el desarrollo comunitario y el fortalecimiento de los actores locales relacionados con el manejo forestal. Para tomar todo esto en cuenta se propone una reestructuración de los objetivos específicos para fortalecer los aspectos institucionales y comunitarios. Las actividades serán redefinidas de acuerdo con esta reestructuración.

La restructuración de los objetivos específicos y de los resultados que se propone es la siguiente:

**Objetivo específico 1 “Formular y desarrollar el Plan de ordenación y Planes de manejo forestal participativos de los bosques de Tarapacá”**

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| Resultado 1.1 | Línea base física ecológica y forestal del área forestal<br>Realizada  |
| Resultado 1.2 | Un sistema de información geográfico (SIG) establecido<br>y operacional                                      |
| Resultado 1.3 | Plan de ordenación forestal y planes de manejo forestal<br>sostenible formulados, legitimados y en ejecución |
| Resultado 1.4 | Sistema de seguimiento y monitoreo del manejo forestal<br>establecido en la sede del proyecto validado       |

**Objetivo específico 2 “Fortalecer los actores locales relacionados con el manejo de los bosques de Tarapacá”**

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| Resultado 2.1 | Línea base social, económica e institucional realizada   |
| Resultado 2.2 | Personal de CORPOAMAZONIA, usuarios,<br>profesionales, ONGs y demás actores relacionados<br>capacitados en aspectos de manejo forestal |
| Resultado 2.3 | Están iniciadas acciones test de apoyo a las iniciativas<br>comunitarias que generan alternativas económicas<br>sostenibles.           |