
GFTN-PERU FACT SHEET



BACKGROUND

Peru is home to 64.6 million hectares of tropical forest, making it the world's 4th largest tropical forest country. 92 per cent of the Peruvian forests, representing 64.6 million hectares, are located in the Amazon Basin region and contain some of the world's most valuable wood species, including mahogany (*Swietenia macrophylla*) and Spanish cedar (*Cedrela odorata*). The Amazon is the most biologically diverse region in the world. The diverse habitats found in these rainforests are home to more than 60 per cent of the planet's biodiversity. Every day 590 hectares are lost, equivalent to 1200 football fields, generating enormous economic and biodiversity losses.

WHAT: GLOBAL FOREST & TRADE NETWORK – PERU (GFTN-PERU)

The Global Forest & Trade Network - Peru (GFTN-Peru) is a national arm of the GFTN to eliminate illegal logging and improve the management of valuable and threatened forests within Peru and in countries supplying wood to Peru. GFTN-Peru was founded in November 2006 and fills an important role in establishing trade links between concessions, communities and industries while increasing the image of certified companies and providing business information. GFTN-Peru offers companies technical assistance to implement the “stepwise approach” towards forest or chain of custody certification and apply responsible purchasing policies.

WHO: COMPANIES GFTN-PERU WORKS WITH

GFTN-Peru is made up of innovative companies and communities who are committed to responsible forest management and who are in-progress or have obtained credible certification of their forests and industries, and have adopted responsible purchasing policies. GFTN-Peru believes that responsible forest management with local communities and private sector investors offers one of the best possibilities for sustainable development in the Amazonian region of Peru. In recent years, WWF-Peru has played a key role in a powerful movement composed of governmental and non-governmental organizations, community and civil society groups, and representatives from the private sector to reform the forest sector and implement a new, more transparent regime that ensures equitable and sustainable management of this valuable national resource.

QUICK STATS: GFTN-PERU

- **10** companies with **677** employees
- **571,719** hectares of credibly certified forest achieved by participants
- **99,676 m³** of forest products traded by participants
- **US\$1.7 million** of forest products traded by participants

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