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COMPLIANCE REPORT

Sustainable Development Goals

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PROYECTO REDD + CASTAÑEROS

The SDGs are a global commitment aimed at achieving transformative change at all levels of society. Aligned with this, BAM seeks to contribute to transforming the world towards a more environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable one through its projects.

In a world facing increasingly pressing challenges in terms of poverty, inequality, environmental degradation, and climate change, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have emerged as a comprehensive and ambitious roadmap to transform our planet and improve people's lives everywhere. Established by The United Nations in 2015, the SDGs represent a call to global action and an invitation to work together to build a fairer, more equitable, and sustainable future.

The following report details how the REDD+ Brazil Nut Concessions conservation project (REDD+ BN) developed by Bosques Amazonicos (BAM), in collaboration with more than 800 Brazil Nut-producing families in Madre de Dios to protect +600,000 ha, aligns with the Sustainable Development Goals.

SDG 1: NO POVERTY

REDD+ Brazil Nut Concessions project (REDD+ BN) implements several activities with the purpose of protecting the unique and biodiverse forests of Madre de Dios while **improving the living standards** of the Brazil nut concessionaire families, partners of the project. Considering that the Brazil nut harvesting activity ("zafra") only occurs during certain months of the year (December - March), the generation of **complementary sustainable income** for community welfare becomes a **fundamental need.**

To this end, the project promotes initiatives that seek **to increase the economic capacity of partner families**, through access to various sources of income generated from conservation and sustainable forest management, such as increasing the value of the Brazil nut activity, and generating other sources of income in their concessions, regarding agroforestry systems, reforestation and sustainable use of non-timber products,

For example, in 2022 the project initiated a Brazil nut organic certification iniciative consolidating the Association of Organic Brazil Nut Collectors of Madre de Dios – ARCOMAD, who achieved the **organic certification** for two consecutive years, selling their products under better conditions.

In addition to the activities developed, the project distributes economic benefits directly to the Brazil nut families from the sales of carbon credits (profits), generated as a result of the conservation efforts achieved by the project and its partners. To date, a total of **+US$10 million has been distributed** among the members of the REDD+ Brazil Nut Concessions project families, helping them have incomes above the monetary poverty line in the region.

“My name is Gregoria Rocca Guerra, from the Virgen del Carmen sector.

What I always do is to conserve the forest, take care of it, and always be committed to what we have committed ourselves to with the Brazil nut project and also as a Brazi nut grower since 2003.

We feel good: **we are receiving the economic benefits**, which is always a great help for us; a **great help to be able to support our children** who are studying.

This is one more support and **I feel very grateful.** Thank you!

Gregoria Rocca Guerra

REDD+ Brazil Nut Concessions partner

SDG 4: QUALITY EDUCATION

REDD+ Brazil Nut Concessions project seeks to **develop initiatives to improve access to basic services** for the Brazil nut-growing community. In this regard, the project has launched a University Scholarship Program, in collaboration with the National Amazonian University of Madre de Dios (UNAMAD).

This program provides project members and their families the opportunity to access quality education, seeking their development and well-being. It also encourages the project's impact to be sustainable in the long term, involving new generations of Brazil nut-growing families.

One of the criteria for selecting scholarship students for the Program is that their concessions are being adequately conserved and that they comply with the management documents required for sustainable forest management. This is an incentive for partner families to commit themselves to forest protection.

To date, Kevin Quispe, Linda Valencia and Ruth Taipe, children of Brazil nut partners, are studying at UNAMAD thanks to our University Scholarship Program. BAM's team permanently monitors the performance of the scholarship students at the University. Learn the details of our Program here!

"Winning the scholarship is a great opportunity for me, as I don't have many options. I am the daughter and granddaughter of REDD+ BN project partners, and I am very excited and proud to have won this scholarship and to continue pursuing my dreams and completing my degree."
– Linda Valencia Reyna, winner of the Brazil Nut Scholarship.

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I appreciate the opportunity these scholarships have given us to continue fulfilling our goals, and I want to thank the REDD+ Brazil Nut Concessions project and the University for their commitment to young people.

- Ruth Taipe

Child of REDD+ BN partner

See video here!

SDG 5: GENDER EQUALITY

REDD+ Brazil Nut Concessions project has strengthen the Brazil nut activity; a very important source of employment for women in Madre de Dios. This is due to their **key role in the whole process of the Brazil nut activity** (harvesting, peeling, drying and commercialization), in addition to managing their household economy.

Also, the project promotes the **participation of women** in all of its activities, including the development of productive iniciatives, training workshops and monitoring, control and surveillance systems, among others, improving their capacities. In past years, approximately 45% of the workshops participants were women.

It's worth mentioning that 37% of the project partners, who hold Brazil nut concessions, are women. They also represent 33% of the Board of Directors of the Federation of Brazil Nut Producers of Madre de Dios (FEPROCAMD).

REDD+ Brazil Nut Concessions considers **gender inclusion policies** in a cross-cutting manner with a view to increasing and promoting women's involvement and participation in all project activities. For example, thanks to the project, ARCOMAD was formed with **Bethy Antas**, REDD+ BN's partner, as its main leader.

The project also seeks to involve new generations of female Brazil nut producers. For example, 2/3 of the winners of the Brazil nut University Scholarship Program are women.

Learn some stories of Brazil nut women, guardians of our forests, here!

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We protect the forests and the environment. It is important for the animals to be safe as well. If we cut down the forest, the animals suffer and there will be no more oxygen. If we burn, the forest is destroyed. It is important to maintain the forest more than anything else.

- Miriam Palomino

Wife of REDD+ Brazil Nut Concessions partner

SDG 8: DECENT WORK & ECONOMIC GROWTH

REDD+ Brazil Nut Concessions project contributes to the dignified work of all its members, safeguarding the livelihoods of small producers and supporting their economic growth through the commercialization of Brazil nuts and the development of other sustainable activities related to forest conservation and management, aimed at improving the economic and living conditions of the concessionaire families.

As mentioned above, the project supports concession holders in improving their productive and commercial capacity in relation to Brazil nut activity. The efficient management of the project in relation to forest protection contributes to the optimal harvesting of the fruit and guarantees its long-term subsistence for the benefit of the Brazil nut community.

In addition to all the activities implemented, the project distributes **economic benefits directly** to its partners as a result of the profits generated from the sales of carbon credits, improving community livelihoods and fostering the economic growth of the Brazil nut families.

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I want to thank the REDD+ Project who is supporting us, that is giving us the economic benefits and helping us to keep our concessions well managed. And just as they give us, we also have to correspond with what they ask for: to be up to date with our documents, not to cut wood, not to burn the forest and to maintain the forest well. And that benefits us all.

- Miriam Palomino

Wife of REDD+ Brazil Nut Concessions partner

SDG 10: REDUCTION OF INEQUALITIES

REDD+ Brazil Nut Concessions project carries out ongoing training to strengthen the concession families' capacities related to the proper management of their forests and their sustainable productive-economic development.

The project gives **permanent workshops** related to forest monitoring and surveillance, forest management and sustainable productive practices, among other related topics, with the purpose of **providing concession holders tools for the sustainable and efficient management** of their areas and with resources to improve their livelihoods and those of their families in the long term.

Furthermore, through the REDD+ BN project the land rights of smallholders are protected, providing them with the necessary means and support to defend their concessions from threats such as illegal encroachment. In that regard, the project implements an **integral monitoring, control and surveillance system** to prevent, identify and curb threats of deforestation and/or forest degradation in the area, using technological tools (GPS, Apps) and satellite data to analyze the spatial dynamics of the forest on a daily basis. As part of the monitoring system, concessionaires are trained in the use of technologies and tools for them to, together with the project team, identify and address threats to their forests.

Likewise, ongoing **technical assistance** is provided to project partners to ensure the optimal management of their areas, enabling them to comply with the requirements established by law in their concession contracts.

For example, REDD+ BN's technical team supports partners **with concession management and delimitation services** aimed at defining and maintaining the boundaries of their areas and conducting a forest inventory, providing them with the necessary tools to properly manage their concessions. In addition, the REDD+ Brazil nut concessions technical team gives support to concession holders in the preparation and presentation of their forestry documents to the local authorities, as required by law, ensuring their correct submission and compliance.

In addition, permanent legal support is provided to Brazil nut partners with the aim of enhancing their ability to defend their rights (land and use rights) granted through the concession contracts. Through the legal department of the REDD+ Brazil Nut Concessions, concessionaires receive permanent support for legal defense against threats that may affect their areas.

The technical team implements a robust Monitoring, Control and Surveillance System (MCSS) as an integral part of its approach to conservation. This system operates, among others, using information from official and reliable sources such as GEOBOSQUES and NASA, with the aim of identifying and mitigating the deforestation threats in the project and surrounding areas, complemented by preventive measures to minimize threats, such as ongoing training for concessionaires, community awareness workshops, promotion of sustainable economic alternatives, among others.

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SDG 12: RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION & PRODUCTION

Sustainable Brazil nut harvesting contributes to reducing rainforest deforestation. In this regard, the project not only provides support to concessionaires for the protection and proper management of their areas, but also ongoing training workshops to all partners on sustainable forest management and other related topics, seeking to improve the community's knowledge and skills in forestry and wildlife conservation.

In terms of Brazil nut production and commercialization, the project develops productive and/or commercial initiatives that seek to **improve the socioeconomic situation of the Brazil nut sector** without harming the environment. For example, the REDD+ BN project initiated a Brazil nut organic certification iniciative in 2022. This was made possible through the assistance of the project team, the conservation efforts of the partners and the sale of carbon credits. One year later (2023), the project-driven Association of Organic Brazil Nut Collectors of Madre de Dios – ARCOMAD was consolidated to strengthen and improve the economic conditions of the Madre de Dios Brazil nut community, enabling them to gain competitiveness and sell their products at a higher price on the market. The **ARCOMAD** has obtained organic Brazil nut certification following national (Peru), European and U.S. standards for two consecutive years. **Training workshops and technical assistance** continue to be provided to participating partners, as well as participation in other events such as internships and business rounds.

In addition, and as a complement to the Brazil nut activity, the project promotes initiatives such as: **reforestation** with Brazil nuts (enrichment of clearings, **agroforestry systems** that combine short (banana), medium (açaí, cupoazú) and long term (Brazil nut) products in cooperation with IIAP, and the **use of non-timber resources** (aguaje and ungurahui), including training and technical assistance, with sustainable practices in harmony with the environment.

“This project has allowed us to receive technical, commercial and legal assistance, and also to obtain organic certification of the Brazil nut.

When you protect the forest you have a good quality product: the Brazil nut, which is the flagship product of Madre de Dios, and which would not have existed if we did not conserve our forest

Bethy Antas

REDD+ Brazil Nut Concessions partner
and leader of ARCOMAD

See video here!

SDG 13: CLIMATE ACTION

REDD+ Brazil Nut Concession project aims to reduce emissions from deforestation and degradation of Brazil nut forests. Since its start in 2009, the project implements activities and strategies for this purpose, avoiding the deforestation of ≈3,000 hectares per year and the emission of ≈2.5 million tCO2e/year, safeguarding one of the most biodiverse ecosystems in the world.

For example, in 2024, thanks to conservation efforts, project support and the commitment of our partners, the project managed to **reduce deforestation** in the area by approximately 60% compared to the no-project (baseline) scenario.

Through the implementation of all its activities, the project promotes the adequate management of forest and the promotion of conservation, avoiding the development of harmful activities such as logging or change of use for agricultural and/or livestock.

The ongoing training provided by the project to the community helps strengthen the concessionaires' skills in the proper use of forest resources and respect for wildlife. For example, workshops on topics such as forest fire control and prevention, monitoring, control and surveillance, empowerment and leadership, specialization in REDD+ and the carbon market, including Brazil partners in biodiversity expeditions as part of the BAM's Science Program, among others.

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Based on my experience working in several primary terra firme forest sites in the Madre de Dios region over the last 20 years, the site evaluated is a good representation of an undisturbed primary forest, with a high diversity of species characteristic of the high alluvial terraces of the region.

- Dr. PhD. Varun Swamy

San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance

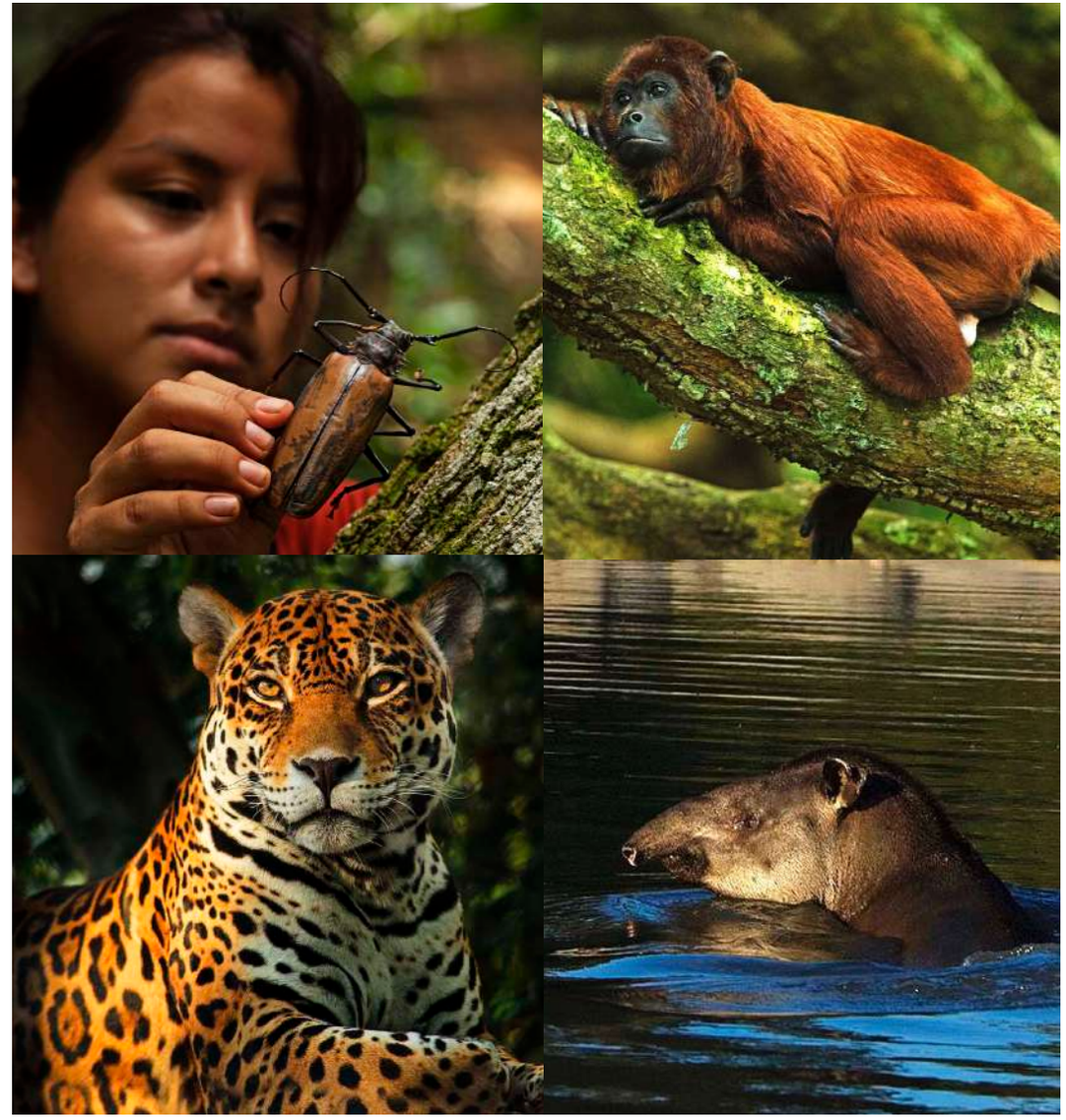
SDG 15: LIFE ON LAND

The conservation of the Amazon rainforest where Brazil nut forests develop naturally implies protecting an enormous diversity of species of birds, mammals, fish, reptiles, amphibians, trees and other plants, housed in one of the most biodiverse regions of Peru and the world.

As part of the different activities that REDD+ Brazil Nut Concessions implements, BAM's Science Program is carried out within the scope of the project, conducting biodiversity assessment and monitoring expeditions within the project area in order to evaluate the value and ecological importance of the Brazil nut ecosystems.

This program brings together experts from leading institutions in the main branches of zoology and botany (from prestigious institutions such as the San Diego Zoo, CORBIDI and the Museum of Natural History of the University of San Marcos and the National Agrarian University La Molina) with the purpose of conducting permanent assessments that provide insight into the health of the forests where Brazil nut grows. That is, to determine Brazil nut forests composition and richness, estimating their diversity of flora and fauna and identifying the main species according to their conservation status, which allows establishing a zoning that ensures wildlife preservation and sustainable forest management.

The project further seeks to involve the community in the initiatives promoted around the monitoring of the biodiversity in the area, promoting its conservation. In this regard, the REDD+ BN project encourages the community to participate in biodiversity monitoring expeditions led by scientists and researchers who share with them their methods of study, evaluation and knowledge of natural diversity.



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