

## Project to restore degraded lands caused by extensive livestock farming on hillsides in the foothills of the central mountain range in the northern Cauca Valley.

The project is being developed in the foothills of the Cordillera Central, in the north of Valle del Cauca, a historically fertile region thanks to its volcanic soils, favorable climate and abundant sources.



water resources. This natural wealth enabled the development of diversified agriculture and extensive livestock farming, which, while profitable for decades, led to severe soil degradation due to deforestation, overgrazing, and intensive use of agrochemicals.

Today, faced with the evident loss of fertility and productivity, many landowners are showing interest in initiatives that restore their land sustainably. The project proposes a comprehensive strategy.

which combines environmental restoration with productive activities, with the aim of restoring soil health, increasing water availability, sequestering carbon, generating employment and diversifying local income.

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The proposal includes four lines of action:

- 1. Restoration of native forests in strategic areas.
- 2. Reforestation with timber species in highly degraded areas.
- 3. Agroforestry projects with crops such as cocoa, coffee and banana.
- 4. Silvopastoral systems on soils suitable for sustainable livestock farming.

This approach not only enables the generation of carbon and biodiversity credits, but also represents a concrete opportunity to transform degraded lands into productive, resilient spaces that generate social and economic well-being for the region.



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