

AMAZON FOREST BARRIER

Problems of mangrove areas on the Colombian Pacific coast

Colombia's Pacific coast, one of the most biodiverse and rainy regions on the planet, is home to a complex network of marine-coastal ecosystems and forests that stretch from the high mountains of the Cordillera Occidental to the coastline. This natural wealth has been fundamental to the lives of Afro-descendant, Indigenous, and settler communities, who have historically coexisted with the environment.



However, mangroves, the ecological pillars of this region and true natural laboratories of biodiversity, are facing alarming degradation. Indiscriminate logging and increasing pressure on natural resources are threatening the existence of countless native species that depend on these ecosystems for their survival.

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The accelerated loss of mangroves not only compromises the environmental health of the Colombian Pacific, but also food security, coastal protection, and the livelihoods of local communities. This issue requires urgent attention and decisive action to halt the destruction of one of the country's most valuable ecosystems.

As part of the response to this problem, the Amazon Forest Barrier, in partnership with the British company rePLANET and with the active participation of 19 local community councils, is promoting an ambitious project to restore degraded mangrove areas on the Colombian Pacific coast. This initiative is financed through the generation of carbon and biodiversity credits and aims not only to recover a strategic ecosystem, but also to offer new opportunities for economic development and sustainable employment for the communities that depend on these ecosystems. territories.

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