

# PROTECTING THE AMAZON



A STRATEGIC PLAN TO COMBAT  
COMMODITY-DRIVEN DEFORESTATION  
BY EMPOWERING CITIZENS IN PERU AND COLOMBIA



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Peru and Colombia host about 23% of the Amazon rainforest, the largest area after Brazil. However, deforestation has been growing in this region— mostly due to expansion of agriculture.

The unchecked expansion of commercial agriculture into forests means biodiversity loss, soaring emissions and adverse impacts on local communities.

Oxfam in Peru, in association with Oxfam in Colombia, is implementing the project “Protecting the Amazon: A Strategic Plan to Combat Commodity-Driven Deforestation by Empowering Citizens in Peru and Colombia”. This project seeks to reduce and curb indiscriminate expansion of monocrops and agribusiness into rainforests and other biodiverse regions of these two countries.

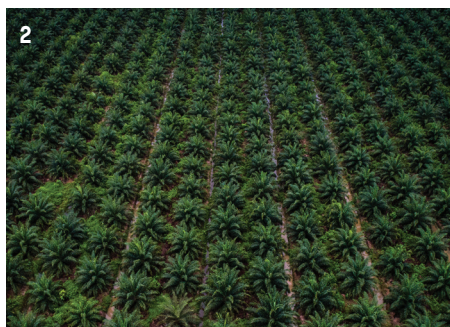
Oxfam focuses principally on monoculture plantations that involve large-scale deforestation and violation of territorial rights of local people, like oil palm.

## PERU

In Peru, the oil palm industry is still relatively small but has been growing rapidly, spurred by corporate projects with both domestic and international investment.

## COLOMBIA

In Colombia, given the new context generated by the peace accords, monoculture plantations may further expand into its tropical forests and other biodiverse areas with adverse consequences for local communities and the environment. The agribusiness industry is currently expanding in the department of Vichada.



The “Protecting the Amazon” project directly supports organizations of affected rural and indigenous peoples to ensure respect for their territorial and environmental rights.

1. Luisa Mori Gonzales, member of the indigenous community Santa Clara de Uchunya, Ucayali, Peru
2. Aerial photo of an oil palm plantation in Ucayali, Peru
3. Areas deforested for agribusiness expansion in the Peruvian Amazon
4. Indigenous communities working the land in Vichada, Colombia

Oxfam is engaged in a national and international public awareness campaign on the social, territorial, and environmental aspects of expanding monocrops, and advocates for policy changes by promoting national-level discussions about relevant regulations and by engaging market mechanisms and international regulatory entities.

**OUR VISION** is to support healthy forests and communities in the Amazon in Peru and Colombia, strengthening the rights of local rural and indigenous communities.

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