

Watershared by the numbers

The *Watershared* goal is that by 2025 one-quarter of Colombian, Peruvian, Ecuadorian and Bolivian forests are protected by their local residents to ensure safe drinking water, to irrigate crops and to produce hydropower.

Currently, *Watershared* comprises

- 4 countries: Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, and Bolivia
- 125 Municipalities
- 2 regional environmental corporations (CORANTIOQUIA, CVC, Colombia)
- 2 departmental (state) governments (Loja, Ecuador and Tarija, Bolivia)
- 1,075,876 ha of newly protected water sanctuaries

By country, achievements include:

- In Ecuador, 615,000 generate \$1,445,000 in local funds. Inhabitants receive more abundant, and higher quality drinking water because of the protection of 74,000 ha.
- In Peru, 22,000 downstream irrigators annually pay USD 62,000 to 850 upstream landowners for watershed conservation in Piura
- In Bolivia, 226,435 downstream water users, support 3,147 upstream families in exchange for the conservation of 178,448 ha of biodiverse forest, which is returning 500,000 m³ of water to the aquifer and storing 290,000 tons of carbon. Departmental and municipal governments have created 928,700 of new protected areas
- Colombia has 73,086 of new protected areas in Antioquia, and more than 10,000 ha under Reciprocal Watershed Agreements elsewhere in the country

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