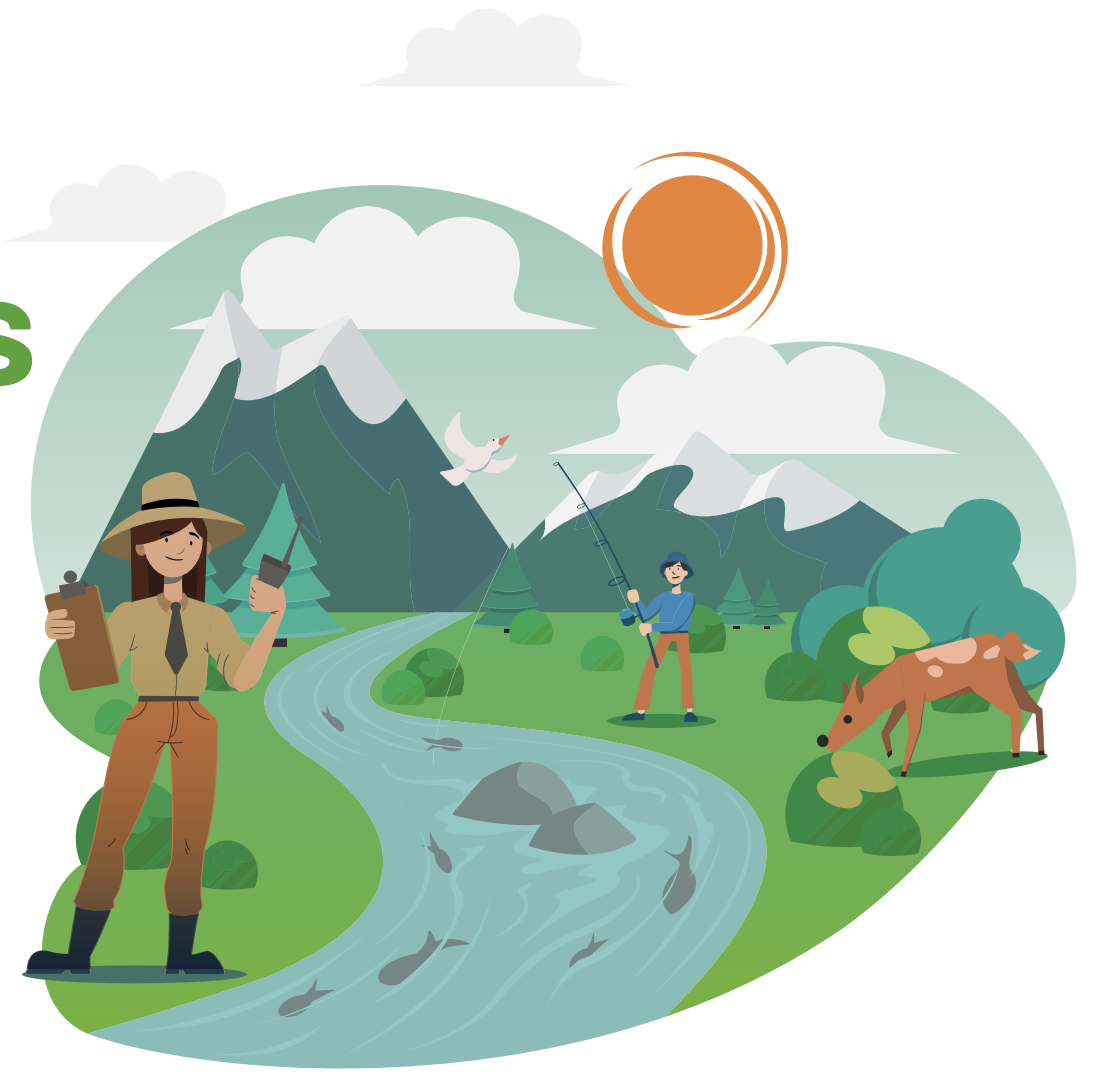


Protected natural areas for sustainable and inclusive conservation

CAF is committed to **strengthening the management of terrestrial and marine natural protected areas** in Latin America and the Caribbean to preserve ecosystems and generate tangible and equitable socioeconomic benefits for local populations.



US\$68.9 million

mobilized with the support of the Global Environment Facility (GEF)

US\$1.5 million

for technical assistance

67 protected areas strengthened in their management

→ **336,000 km²** of terrestrial areas

→ **1.38 million km²** of marine areas

5 countries benefited

Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador and Panama



Latin America and the Caribbean have a great diversity of terrestrial and marine ecosystems.



Ecosystem benefits

- provision of **water, food and materials**
- regulation of **ecological and climatic** processes
- provision of **cultural and recreational services**



Ecosystems at risk

Ecosystems in Latin America and the Caribbean and the services they provide are **at risk due to human activity**.

Natural protected areas are one of the main policies implemented globally for the preservation of ecosystems.

↓ deforestation rate

in terrestrial areas between **50% and 72%** compared to unprotected areas

↑ number, average size and richness of fish species

↓ poverty of local populations



CAF, the green bank of Latin America and the Caribbean

CAF has set the goal of becoming the green bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) to contribute to equitable, environmentally responsible, and low-carbon development in the region.

To achieve this, it has adopted a cross-cutting approach throughout its actions that seeks to ensure that financed projects contribute to the sustainable management of the environment, natural resources, and ecosystems, and provide greater resilience of populations and infrastructure to climate threats.

The effectiveness of protected area management and its potential impacts depend on:

- Capacities of government entities
- Budget and sources of income
- Coordination between stakeholders and different levels of government
- Involvement and ownership of local population
- Interactions with existing productive systems
- Support for the implementation of prioritized actions in the management plans of protected areas
- Design of standardized protocols to monitor flora and fauna populations of endangered or threatened species
- Design of specialized protocols for the management, control, and eradication of introduced species
- Training for community organizations to ensure sustainable practices within and adjacent to protected areas
- Design of new financing mechanisms
- Strengthening of control and surveillance capacities in protected marine and terrestrial areas, and conservation corridors



CAF support to improve management

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Project	Project type	Project amount	Number of improved areas	Improved land area (in km ²)	Improved marine area (in km ²)
1 Strengthening of the Sustainable Environmental Investment Fund (FIAS)	Technical assistance	USD 50,000			
2 Amazonía sin Fuego [Program for a Fire-Free Amazon]	Technical assistance	USD 400,000	51	261,928	2,521
3 Design and dissemination of a subsystem of marine and coastal protected areas of the National System of Protected Areas of Ecuador	Technical assistance	USD 47,500			
4 Strengthening of the Eastern Tropical Pacific Marine Corridor (CMAR)	Technical assistance	USD 400,000	5	12,088	1.37 million
5 Safeguarding the integrity of the Cocos Island National Park	GEF	USD 1 million	1	23	2,000
6 Effective conservation of protected areas in Galapagos	GEF	USD 15 million	1	7,890	138,000
7 Strengthening Bolivia's Plurinational System of Protected Areas and Strategic Ecosystems in the Bolivian Amazon	GEF	USD 48 million	11	62,000	138,000