

REDD+ Project for Caribbean Guatemala: the Conservation Coast



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Project Summary



This Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU) project falls under the REDD+ category, specifically “Avoided Unplanned Deforestation & Degradation” (AUDD). Over 30 years, it aims to generate 24.4 million tCO₂e of greenhouse gases (GHG) emissions reductions. Situated in **Guatemala**’s Izabal Department, within the ecologically critical Mesoamerican Biological Corridor, the project mitigates deforestation caused by small-scale farming, cattle ranching, and agro-industrial expansion. Enabled by Guatemala’s 2013 climate legislation (Decree 07-2013), FUNDAECO, with whom the **IUCN Member Organisation World Land Trust** has been partner since 2008, represents small landowners under a Grouped Project model, securing legal contracts for REDD+ implementation. The project combats deforestation by strengthening governance, promoting alternative livelihoods, and building management capacity, benefitting both biodiversity and local communities. Early community involvement has fostered awareness and preparedness for successful implementation.

[More information: Proyecto REDD+ -Fundaecco](#)



Key Objectives



Climate objectives

Reduce greenhouse gases (GHG) emissions that result from the conversion of intact forest to agricultural and pastoral land.

Biodiversity Objectives

Maintain habitat for viable, abundant and diverse natural populations.

Reduce threats to endangered and vulnerable species.

Maintain the function of the natural ecosystems.

Support local and global knowledge of biodiversity in the project zone.

Community Objectives

Empower marginalised and vulnerable communities through the legalisation of land, promotion of reproductive rights and participation in resource management.

Improve quality of life in the project zone by creating access to new markets, promoting sustainable production and improving public health and education opportunities.

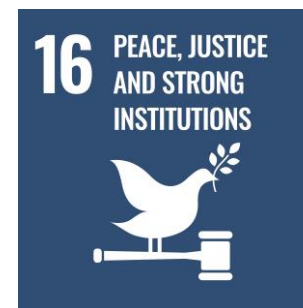
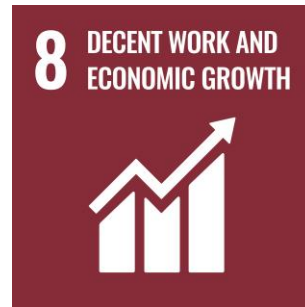
Promote landowner and community self-sufficiency in the project zone through diversified economies and sustainable land uses.

Safeguard traditional, cultural, spiritual, and religious identities within the project area.





Aligning with the SDGs



**SUSTAINABLE
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