

# Andean Forests

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### Workshop

## The research agenda for the conservation and sustainable management of Andean forests

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The main goal of this workshop is to identify current priorities for research in Andean forest landscapes in a context of climate change. The resulting research agenda will serve as a roadmap to guide the activities of the Andean Forest Program and will be of use value for the broader research and practitioner communities working in Andean forests.

The specific goals of the workshop are to:

- Review and complement a proposed conceptual framework for the research agenda of the Andean Forest Program based on a Social-Ecological Systems approach .
- Identify and prioritize research needs for the sustainable management of Andean forest landscapes in a context of global environmental change.
- Identify opportunities for collaborative arrangements.

### About Andean Forests

The **Andean Forest Programme** is a regional initiative financed by the **Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation** (SDC) and implemented by **CONDESAN** (Consortio para el Desarrollo Sostenible de los Andes) and **HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation**. Its objective is to contribute to the improvement of climate change adaptation and mitigation capacities by developing and scaling up policies, practices, tools and successful incentive schemes relevant to the sustainable management of Andean forests. The program further aims at generating scientific knowledge and making existing information related to regional planning approaches, sustainable management and conservation of Andean forest ecosystems accessible to policy and practice. For this purpose the **Andean Forest Programme** collaborates with existing research programmes and institutions and is currently developing a research agenda serving the programme to identify and prioritize research activities to be realized in collaboration with different international research institutions. The core concept of the research agenda is the socio-ecological systems approach (SES)<sup>3</sup> .

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