

# Strengthening regional cooperation for sustainable natural resource management in the Amazon region (CoRAmazonia)

## Context

The Amazon region is home to the largest contiguous area of rainforest in the world, is one of the most biologically diverse areas on the planet and is of vital importance for global climate protection. With a population of around 40 million people, the region is home to a great cultural diversity with more than 400 indigenous peoples and traditional communities.

Integrated vision and collective actions are essential to overcome political, social, economic and environmental challenges in the Amazon region. This is especially true for challenges related to the climate crisis, biodiversity loss, water and soil pollution, deforestation and forest fires, as well as increasing inequality, poverty and hunger.

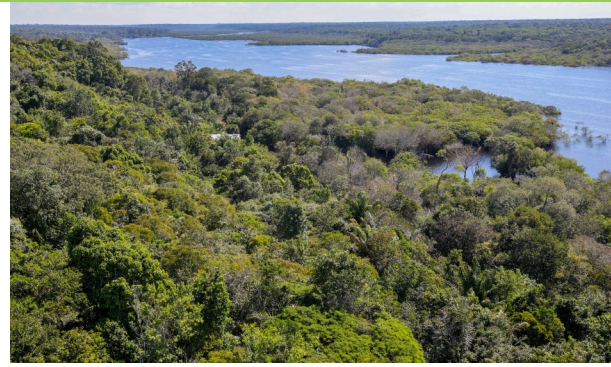
In this context, ACTO Member Countries are renewing and updating their regional cooperation agenda to ensure that the climate, biodiversity, and forests are protected; the natural resources of the Amazon region are managed sustainably; and the well-being of its inhabitants, especially Indigenous peoples and traditional communities, are guaranteed.

<b>Project name</b>	Strengthening regional cooperation for sustainable natural resource management in the Amazon region (CoRAmazonia)
<b>Clients</b>	Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
<b>Political partner</b>	Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO)
<b>Countries</b>	ACTO Member Countries (Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname and Venezuela)
<b>Executing agenda</b>	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
<b>Project volume</b>	4.026.316 EUR
<b>Project term</b>	01/2024 - 12/2026

## Objectives

ACTO and its Member Countries enhance the implementation of regional cooperation programs for forest protection and the sustainable management of natural resources.





## Methodology

The project adopts a holistic approach that considers current needs and emerging challenges in the region. As a starting point, the project supports the Permanent Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO), headquartered in Brasilia, in implementing the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation and Assistance in Integrated Fire Management among ACTO Member Countries (MoU-MIF).

The project also promotes dialogue and the exchange of experiences among specialists and managers from the Member Countries (Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname, and Venezuela) through support for the creation and strengthening of the ACTO Amazon Network for Integrated Fire Management (RAMIF).

With the active participation of this Network, the project contributes to: developing institutional and human capacities in integrated fire management (IFM); replicating good practices and innovative approaches in IFM, incorporating traditional knowledge and a gender perspective; promoting the integration of IFM into national plans, strategies, and policies; disseminating data and information on the situation of forest fires in the Amazon region; and raising awareness among change agents about the IFM approach in preventing and managing forest fire risks.

## Contributions

The achievements include, at the political level, the urgent call to reduce forest fires as highlighted in the Declaration of Presidents of Amazonian countries at the Belém Summit in August 2023; and the agreement on a specific Resolution by the Foreign Ministers of ACTO Member Countries to prioritize regional cooperation for promoting integrated fire management in the Amazon region. At the technical level, the creation of RAMIF, with its operational and governance rules and a work plan agreed upon for 2024 to 2026, has been achieved. These advances are attracting the attention of other international cooperation agencies, which have expressed interest in joining this effort and working collaboratively with the project and ACTO.

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