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**Facilitating frameworks for equitable REDD+
benefits and incentives in support of national
strategies**

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IUCN's forest focus

- The Global Forest Program of IUCN supports the forest-related activities of the Union, including its Members and Commissions.
- Works with communities, government agencies, NGOs and businesses, to enable and support locally-driven, sustainable measures that will improve forest management, and deliver multiple benefits to people

Strong focus of IUCN's work on

- Nature-based solutions in support of SDGs
- Rights-based approaches
- Dependence on nature: Understanding and addressing the multiple people-nature interrelations





IUCN's REDD+ Work

Aim: slow the global deforestation rate

➤ ***Strategically oriented toward the enabling of conditions for rights and pro-oriented policies to emerge and be implemented within national REDD+ strategies, as sustainability mechanisms for REDD+***



➤ To ensure that National climate change mitigation policies and programmes

a) are informed by and incorporate principles of Pro-Poor and (Human) Right-based Approaches

b) Are implementing measures that:
– reduce deforestation and forest degradation

c) Are improving local livelihoods;

d) Are enabling long-term security of forest carbon stocks



Pillars of REDD+ Action

- Facilitating processes & frameworks that clarify, recognize, secure and guarantee long-term enjoyment of substantive and procedural rights
- Piloting improved landscape NR governance frameworks and incentive arrangements that are rights and pro-poor oriented
- Policy advocacy and influence to integrate rights and pro-poor considerations in the design and delivery of policies and strategies



Rights-based approaches



Facilitating Equitable REDD+ Benefit Sharing Mechanisms in Ghana, Mexico & Peru

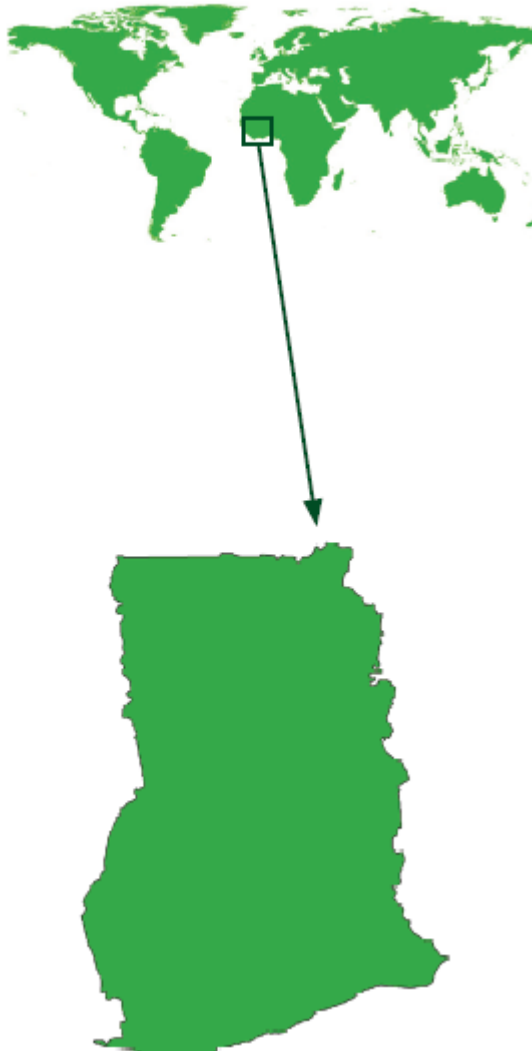
Aim: To ensure that **Early REDD+ actions are enabled by appropriate, fair and pro-poor benefit sharing mechanisms that are sufficiently robust to be mainstreamed into long-term national and international REDD+ frameworks**

We collaborate with government agencies, NGOs and civil society in a set of pilot countries, i.e. Ghana, Mexico and Peru to:

- ❖ Pilot and assess pro-poor benefit-sharing mechanisms for performance-based REDD+ “proxy” actions that are consistent with national + strategies
- ❖ Identify & Promote specific economic, policy and institutional arrangements required to facilitate equitable and efficient delivery of performance-based payments for REDD+ activities



Ghana



Collaboration between IUCN and the Forest Commission, the Forest Institute of Ghana, Tropenbos International, A Rocha-Ghana, to:

- Assess, validate and scale up benefit and incentives arrangements that have the most potential to deliver tangible livelihood and environmental benefits and incentives to the poor and forest-depend communities;
- Facilitate the clarification of tenure and tree rights as fundamental for equitable benefit sharing and incentive mechanisms;
- Assess nature-based economic and business incentives to catalyze community long-term action to reduce deforestation and forest degradation

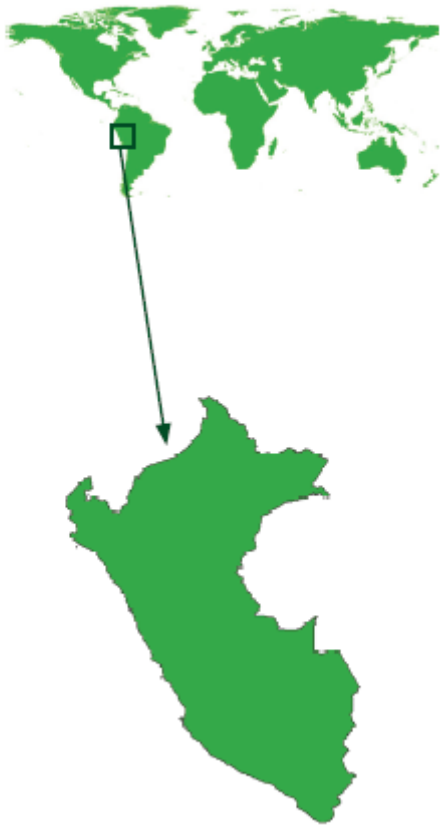
Mexico



Collaborative efforts between IUCN, CONABIO, CONAFOR, the country REDD+ community, national NGOs and the civil society in the Yucatan Peninsula:

1. to support the efforts of the Quintana Roo, Campeche and Yucatan states to design coordinated jurisdictional REDD+ benefit sharing mechanisms in support of their tri-state sub-national REDD+ strategy:
 - in support of the Yucatan Peninsula's three-state (Quintana Roo, Campeche and Yucatan) subnational REDD+ strategy, and
 - to generate knowledge and lessons as inputs to the national REDD+ strategy.
2. To develop and integrate institutional mechanisms for effective community engagement

Peru



Collaboration between IUCN, Conservation International Peru, and AIDER

1. To facilitate effective and comprehensive agreements with Indigenous Native Communities in the San Martin Region:
 - as frameworks of incentives for community engagement in long-term action to reduce deforestation and forest degradation, and recover already highly deforested lands
 - As inputs to the regional and national governments REDD+ strategies;
2. To establish safeguard information systems



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