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2025 Update: Los Amigos Conservation Concession (LACC), Peru

Project partner: Conservación Amazónica – ACCA

We wanted to thank you again for your support for this project and let you know how things went this past year.

A reminder that LACC spans 146,000 hectares in the Madre de Dios region of southeastern Peru, protecting a pristine biodiverse wilderness. It indirectly protects an additional million hectares, including a reserve for uncontacted indigenous people and the flank of Manu National Park. There are over 4,300 recorded species for LACC, at least twelve globally threatened species and abundant Amazonian fauna, including giant otters, harpy eagles, spider monkeys, and jaguars.



Highlights of the past year:

- ◆ In 2025, **Promotores de Conservación** (LACC rangers) carried out **211 patrols** (20 by river, 16 by land, and 175 mixed), supported by high-resolution satellite monitoring (0.5m from Skysat) and drone overflights, to detect any illegal activities in LACC.
- ◆ Our strategy of combining **state-of-the-art technology** with frequent ground patrols continued to yield positive results in 2025 and have almost totally eradicated illegal logging within the conservation concession. Only one minor incident of illegal logging was detected in 2025.
- ◆ A recently acquired a **Matrice 350 RTK drone** (with a LIDAR) will provide new data on elevation, carbon capture, tree height, and other “dasometric” parameters. This aids ongoing ecological research and improves detection of natural or human-caused changes.
- ◆ The *Promotores* received training and technical support from ACCA's GIS staff to configure **EarthRanger** software on their recently upgraded cell phones. In addition to enabling collection of geospatial data on patrols, EarthRanger will provide data for biological monitoring.

Looking ahead

Patrols by our *Promotores* remains the core of our long-term protection of Los Amigos Conservation Concession. We will continue to look for any evidence of PIACI (Indigenous Peoples in Voluntary Isolation and/or Initial Contact – PIACI for its acronym in Spanish) within LACC, to safeguard this vulnerable group from potential invaders.

Thank you for your support for this project! Please let us know if you have questions or would like to discuss this project or receive further information.

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