Main Objective

Develop a Strategic Action Program (SAP) agreed between the 8 Member Countries of the ACTO for an integrated and sustainable management of transboundary water resources of the Amazon Basin, and create a favorable environment for future implementation, through a comprehensive engagement process with the key stakeholders in the Basin.

Expected outcomes

- Construction of a shared Vision for the Amazon River Basin.
- Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis of the Amazon Basin.
- Targeted research related to aquatic ecosystems, groundwater and sedimentation in transboundary areas.
- Hydro-climate Vulnerability Map of the Amazon Basin.
- Pilot initiative in Integrated Water Resources Management.
- Demonstration Projects under Special initiatives in Amazon region aims to develop strategic adaptation and response strategies to climate change.
- Integrated Information System.
- Communication, Education and Finance Strategies.
- Multi-stakeholder Participation Plan (MSPP).
- Strategic Action Program.

Stakeholder and financing:

- Global Environment Facility (GEF), donor agency.
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Implementing Agency.
- ACTO as the Project Executing Agency.

National Focal Points:

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs/General Directorates of Limits and Borders (Bolivia).
- National Water Agency, ANA (Brazil).
- Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (Colombia).
- National Water Secretariat, SENAGUA (Ecuador).
- Ministry of Public Works and Communication (Guyana).
- National Water Authority (Perú).
- Ministry of Labour, Technological Development and Ministry of Natural Resources (Suriname).
- People’s Power Ministry for the Environment (Venezuela).

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Integrated and Sustainable Management of Transboundary Water Resources in the Amazon River Basin, considering Climate Variability and Climate Change
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It also presents a thematic approach that integrates the areas of the ACTO, namely: forests; water resources; management, monitoring and control of endangered wild fauna and flora species; protected areas; sustainable use of biodiversity and biotrade; indigenous affairs; knowledge management and information sharing; regional health management; infrastructure; transport; commercial navigation and tourism; in addition to emerging topics like regional development, climate change and energy.

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