Main Objective

The long term goal of all ACTO Member Countries is to guarantee the protection and the sustainable management of the Amazonian natural resources. However, since this policy making relies on the use of different resources and law enforcement is often a controversial matter with very sensitive issues, high quality information is needed to produce good policies, effective coordinators and useful reporting tools.

The Monitoring Project responds to the need for the Amazon countries to produce high quality information from reliable historical estimates and series on deforestation and forest degradation in the region. To that extent, the main objective of the project is to support all ACTO Member Countries on the development of a national monitoring system to promote increasing governance in the Amazon Region.

Expected outcomes

Forest monitoring technology is the most essential tool for making governance in the Amazon Region more capable and better equipped to implement corrective measures on deforestation activities. The exchange of information among stakeholders inside and outside governments is also supported by this proposal, which includes inter-sector cooperation and multi-national training activities.

This project is expected to cause positive impacts on several aspects. Among these the following are of special significance:

• More accurate, reliable and regular information on deforestation and land use change hotspots will enable decision makers to act more precisely and policy makers to respond with a more appropriate normative framework.

• The institutional capacity of the Amazon countries and their ability to manage the region will allow them to assess trends, guiding their actions and defining public policies accordingly.

• Governmental action, based on monitoring technologies, will contribute decisively to reduce changes in forest cover and the consequences on soil carbon balance, water and energy cycles, etc.

Stakeholder and financing

The project is expected to last four years and its budget is USD 6.262,784. Currently it has the technical support of the Brazilian Space Agency (INPE) and the cooperation of the Brazilian Cooperation Agency (ABC) as well as of the Ministries of Environment of the ACTO Member Countries.

As regards to financing, funds are provided by the German Development Cooperation -BMZ/GIZ, the Cooperation of the Netherlands for Development – DGIS and the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO).

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