SOUTHWEST AMAZONAS REDD+, BRAZIL

Key facts:

- Nature-based solutions | Forest conservation (REDD+) project
- Reduces 480,000+ tCO2e per year
- Supports 6 of the 17 UN SDGs
- Verified under VCS



Challenge

Deforestation in Brazil has accounted for nearly a third of the global decline in forest cover in recent years. Without sustainable options, some communities will clear land to earn a living through agriculture. The project area is rich in biodiversity with 345 bird species and 12 flora and fauna that are IUCN endangered species.

Solution

This project prevents the deforestation of 186,000 hectares of Amazon rainforest, located between the States of Acre and Amazonas. The land is divided into 30 annual management units, with forestry limited to one unit per year. This means that 97% of this area of rainforest is left fully protected and is given 29 years to regenerate.

Impact

Carbon finance drives emissions reductions, protects biodiversity and empowers local communities. In addition to preserving forest, the project also works with local communities to provide better incomes and education. The project has invested in community education and training in sustainable forestry practices, promoting knowledge sharing in local communities.



