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# ***COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT***

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## ***FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT***

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## **Southwestern Amazon Moist Forest Ecoregion**

### ***Valorization and Understanding of the Protected Areas of the Amboró - Madidi Corridor (CAM) in Order to Facilitate their Conservation***

***First Quarterly Report (September 1<sup>ST</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004)***

#### **Strategic Goals and Objectives**

##### **Goal:**

Create a favorable climate among the local population of the Amboró-Madidi Corridor (CAM) by favoring their participation in the process for the creation and management of protected areas, their education, information and environmental awareness and the joint visualization of the natural attributes of the protected areas in relation to the environmental services and its consequent potential to support sustainable economic activities for the region in which they are found.

##### **Objectives:**

- **Conservation:** Achieve the effective support from local communities and regional authorities for the Altamachi Protected Area ensuring its confirmation and achieving its declaration (recognition of the national government through a Supreme Decree). The AP Altamachi was created by the “Prefectura de Cochabamba” under a scientific model of identification and characterization as well as a participatory process of consultation. With this, it is intended that one of the last and best preserved areas of the Yungas in Bolivia is placed under definitive protection and management, avoiding the advancement of deforestation within its limits.
- **Joint Planning:** Achieve the joint participation of the authorities and civil society in order to confront the threat of social and political opposition aimed at protected areas through the organization of joint activities and the search of synergies for individual activities:
  - **CAM Coordinating Committee (CCCAM):** Ensuring its continuity as an organism for discussion and technical planning and the gradual inclusion of additional authorities (Land Tenure, Popular Participation and municipalities when and if possible) and other local actors converting them in a forum for critical review and coordination.
- **Education, information and environmental awareness:** Consolidate the management of the Amboró Interpretive Center as a partnership model between

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protected areas and municipalities and as sources of education, information and environmental awareness for the local population.

- **Visualization of potential for sustainable economic activities:** Carry out a study regarding the value of the environmental services of the water forthcoming from two protected areas within the CAM that neighbor important cities for their valorization among the local population and to offer information and ideas regarding sustainable economic alternatives for the users (municipalities, “regantes”, businessmen and general population).

### **Collaborators/Partners**

- \* SERNAP - Servicio Nacional de Áreas Protegidas (National Service of Protected Areas)
- \* DGB - Dirección General de Biodiversidad (General Directorate for Biodiversity)
- \* FAN - Fundación Amigos de la Naturaleza (Friends of Nature Foundation)
- \* Tropico (Asociación Boliviana para la Conservación)
- \* ICIB (Instituto para la conservación e investigación de la Biodiversidad)
- \* FAM (Fundación Amigos del Museo Noel Kempff)
- \* CIDEDER - Centro Integrado de Defensa Ecológica y Desarrollo Rural (Integrated Center of Ecological Defense and Rural Development)
- \* FUNDESNAP (Foundation for the Development of the System for Protected Areas)
- \* REMA (Rescate en tus manos)
- \* PNC (Carrasco National Park)
- \* APA (Amboró Protected Area)
- \* CI - Conservation International
- \* WCS - Wildlife Conservation Society
- \* TNC – The Nature Conservancy
- \* Local stakeholders – Prefectures (Unidad de Medio Ambiente y RR NN de la Prefectura de Cochabamba), Municipalities (Municipio de Buena Vista) and Organizaciones Territoriales de Base - OTB (Local Community Organizations, e.g., OPIM).
- \* CSF - Conservation Strategy Fund
- \* Fundación Natura Bolivia (Nature Bolivia Foundation)

### **Summary: Period 09/01/04—09/30/04**

#### **Results by Objective and Activity**

Objective I: Creating a favorable working environment by raising public-local awareness regarding the Area’s importance and in this way, supporting the process for the Supreme Decree ratifying the Altamachi Protected Area created by the Departmental Council of Cochabamba.

- A meeting was held with the Director of Environment and Natural Resources from the Prefecture of Cochabamba in which we learned that

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the budget for his Office had been reduced by 50%. This means that the Altamachi PA will not have the necessary funds for its administration. The Director for this Office, however, left open the possibility of seeking counterpart funds to the possible funding that WWF is considering awarding.

The programmed activities to reach this objective are the following: a) Institutional support for CIDEDER, b) Support for the improvement of relations between promoters of the PA and neighboring populations, c) Carrying out a baseline diagnosis regarding the social conflicts and thus be able to clearly identify the information needs as well as those for conflict resolution, d) Hiring of two (2) farming and animal husbandry technicians as outreach and /or environmental promoters, e) A radio information and dissemination campaign regarding the values of the PA but also including programs of technical interest for the local population, f) Support the process to obtain legal paperwork. However, given the circumstances, we are considering assigning a certain amount of funds from the abovementioned activities in order to cover the budget gap for the management of the Altamachi PA which resulted from the 50% budget reduction in the Prefecture and that directly impacted the Project for Integral Forestry Plan from the Office of the Environment and Natural Resources. The Office of the Environment and Natural Resources has decided not to assign funds to the Altamachi PA but this situation is trying to be reversed so that at least a certain amount of funding is destined for the management of the PA. If this is possible, the contribution from the Prefecture would not be above 50% which is the amount assigned in previous years and the reason why we feel it would still be necessary to support the Office of the Environment and Natural Resources so that they can maintain the management of the PA.

- Meeting with CIDEDER, organization with which the steps and manner in which to move forward was discussed in terms of the Altamachi PA management so that the activities and products are more precise.

On the other hand there is a preliminary proposal in order to move forward with CIDEDER in terms of the support for the management of the Altamachi PA and that covers the proposed activities but which will still be discussed and adjusted in a meeting with the Director of Environment and Natural Resources and the Prefect of Cochabamba.

Objective II: Participation in the planning and participation process:.

Activity 2.1.: CAM Coordinating Committee (CCCAM)

- It was agreed with the CCCAM facilitator to meeting with Jorge Mariaca (Director, General Directorate for Biodiversity), Morris Israel (USAID) and

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Henry Campero (WWF) to organize and plan the activities and products for the current period.

Objective III: Education, information, and environmental awareness:.

Activity 3.1.: Hiring of staff to run the Center and guarantee its operations.

- For this activity a project profile was received from the local NGO “Rescate en Tus Manos” and which is aimed at providing continuity to the activities and administration of the Interpretation Center. It was agreed that a meeting would be held between REMA, Amboró PA staff and WWF in order to improve REMA’s proposal.

Activity 3.2.: The initiation of a program for the production and sale of souvenirs from the Protected Area.

- A meeting was held with FUNDESNAP so that they could explain the program entitled “Positioning, Dissemination and Commercialization” of products from the SNAP (National System of Protected Areas) in order to generate funds for the PA’s under the SNAP. Amboró PA is one of the pilot areas under this FUNDESNAP program to give initiation to the effort. We are awaiting a proposal from FUNDESNAP to this effect.

Objective III: Visualization and Identification of the Value of the Environmental Service Provided by Water Coming from Amboró and Carrasco.

- For this activity contact was made with “Fundación Natura Bolivia” which also provided the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas and activities developed to date regarding the valorization of environmental services. The Director of the organization, Maria Teresa Vargas, informed us of her project in Los Negros and Santa Rosa for the payment of environmental services and which is located in Amboró National Park and its area of influence. We are awaiting a proposal which will outline the work for the valorization of environmental services in the Carrasco and Amboró National Parks.
- In the same manner contact was made with the Conservation Strategy Fund through its Director Mr. John Reid. We are currently awaiting a proposal from CSF which will be compared with the proposal from Natura Bolivia in terms of scope and costs as well as the pros and cons of working with either one of the organizations. In addition, the possibility of joining efforts between organizations will also be considered in order to favor the formation of local capacities.

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### **Table of Final Accomplishments**

<b><u>Benchmark Number</u></b>	<b><u>Benchmark/Output</u></b>	<b><u>Status*</u></b>
1.1.	❖ Institutional support for CIDEDER	On-track
1.2.	❖ Support for the improvement of relations between promoters of the PA and neighboring populations	On-track
1.3.	❖ Carrying out a baseline diagnosis regarding the social conflicts and thus be able to clearly identify the information needs as well as those for conflict resolution	Mixed performance
1.4.	❖ Hiring of two (2) farming and animal husbandry technicians as outreach and /or environmental promoters	mixed performance
1.5.	❖ A radio information and dissemination campaign regarding the values of the PA but also including programs of technical interest for the local population	mixed performance
1.6.	❖ Support the process to obtain legal paperwork	mixed performance
2.2.	❖ CAM Coordinating Committee (CCCAM).	On-track
3.1.	❖ Hiring of staff to run the Center and guarantee its operations	On-track
3.2.	❖ The initiation of a program for the production and sale of souvenirs from the Protected Area	On-track
4.1.	❖ Visualization and Identification of the Value of the Environmental Service Provided by Water Coming from Amboró and Carrasco	On-track

- Status may include activities that are completed, on-track, delayed, mixed performance, or cancelled.

### **Project Evolution**

The different activities are being initiated and this process is mainly related to the precise identification of the activities and local partners. If we look only at Objective 1 (“Creating a favorable working environment by raising public-local awareness regarding the Area’s importance and in this way, supporting the process for the Supreme Decree ratifying the Altamachi Protected Area created by the Departmental Council of Cochabamba”) we might have to modify some of the activities in order to cover the funding gap presented by the Office of the Environment and Natural Resources of the Prefecture in order to be able to provide continuity to the administration of the Altamachi PA. However these changes may not be necessary if other complementary funding is approved by the Moore Foundation.