

Major Groups South America

Regional perspectives and considerations



Alianza para las Montañas

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Strengthening the partnership

- The membership has had several virtual meetings to discuss documents send by the Secretariat and define statements and communications as a group, for events also.

There are currently 32 member organizations

Generation of knowledge and information and exchange

New scientific articles about different topics

- Around 80 scientific contributions produced in the region
 - Research on the impact of climate change in Andean ecosystems analyzing different variables and the dynamics of them. Their results has been published in 5 scientific articles (Condesan and 28 partners Red Gloria Andes Network and Andean Forest Network).
 - Research on different topics on Andean ecosystems produced by CEAM.
- Exchange of scientific contributions in the region in the Mountains2018 event (CEAM, Crescente Fértil, Fundación Agreste and partners).
- Review of SROCC by members of the constituency (CEAM).
- Retreat glacier and Andean ecosystem dynamics, article elaborated by Condesan and University of Zurich, published in Ecosphere, as a contribution to be included in the IPCC Special report on Cryosphere and Ocean.
- Book of Andean wildlife in Quindio, CEAM

Long monitoring networks

- Red Gloria Andes already has 10 years on implementation (18 members, 28 sites, all Andean countries except Chile)
- Andean forest network, 8 years of collaborative work

Tools for SMD

- Climate services for decision making process (CEAM, in Quindío Colombia)
- Guide for restoration process in Andean forest (Condesan), small mountains in Brazil (Crescente Fértil)
- Protocol and Guide to measure carbon stocks in Andean ecosystems (Condesan with partners of research networks).

Conservation, restoration and sustainable management of mountain ecosystems

- Establishment of new Protected Areas (Pangea y Condesan).
- Approval of Biosphere reserve of Chocó Andino in Ecuador, that protects mountain ecosystems
- Management plans of protected areas with Andean ecosystems (Pangea, Crescente Fértil, CEAM y Condesan)
- Protect critical wildlife species such as mountain Andean bear, tapir and red deer (High Mountain Research Center and Condesan)
- Support restoration activities (research, implementation and monitoring) (Crescente Fértil, Pangea, Condesan)
- Strengthen value chains of mountain products (REDAR, Centro Huagri, Fundación Agreste), certification (Agreste). Two organizations working with camelids (VICAM, Andes Himalayan Initiative)
- Food and nutrition systems, potato (CIP)
- Recovery activities of traditional knowledge, work of REDAR, annual meetings of Knowledge and Action of the rural settlers (REDAR)

Policy development and environmental governance *(support to local, regional and national authorities)*

Local and meso level

- Implementation of the Adaptation Plan to Climate Change for the Department of Quindío, Central Andes of Colombia (CEAM)
- Ecosystem service platform for the monitoring of water supply and quality (CEAM)
- State Law 8280/2019, which declares the environmental relevance of mountain ecosystems in the state of Rio de Janeiro (Crescente Fertil).
- Special Land Use Plan for Mancomunidad Chocó Andino, which protects 160.000 hectares of Andean ecosystems (Condesan and local partners).

National level in countries

- Management model for National Restoration Program in the Ministry of environment of Ecuador (Condesan)
- Restoration guidelines in Andean ecosystems for Forest and Wildlife National Service of Perú (Condesan)

Education and training

- Environmental education programs (Agreste, VICAM)
- Forest model Program in the Mancomunidad of Chocó Andino in partnership with the Ministry of Education in Ecuador
- Course of Biology for Sustainable development CEAM
- Regional course for communicators and journalists on SMD and CC, 4 training modules, 50 participants (Condesan and Helvetas)
- Regional course of Sustainable Land Management in partnership with the Andean University Simon Bolivar, a regional university linked to the Andean community designed and be opened to call on 2019

Communications and awareness

- **Mountains 2018**, Freiburg Brazil: We highlight the Conference of Mountains 2018, carried out in Friburgo, Rio de Janeiro, Brazilian international conference that brought together scholars, professionals, policy makers and others involved in multiple topics related to sustainable mountain world. [This](#) event was organized along two axes: III Workshop on Sustainable Development in Mountain Regions; and the II International Conference on Research for Sustainable Development in Mountain Regions. Three hundred people participated. This event was possible through a partnership with many members of our constituency the region and other regions of the MP.
- **Participation in WMF**, the membership has had several virtual meetings to discuss regional documents for the WMF. One example it has been the working documents the group elaborated through membership consultations and presented in the World Mountain Forum held in Bishkek. Seven members participated with presentations and posters about their work, so the voice of the region was heard (Bolivian Mountain Institute , CEAM, Agreste Foundation, Condesan). In addition, three young from the region attend the Youth Mountain Forum.

Communications and awareness

- **Carnival for the mountains** in Perú (OIKOS, MTI), in Quindío (CEAM)2018
- For the first time, mountains as a trend in social networks in the region during **Mountain day**
- Production of around 20 video of different topics related Andean ecosystem (CEAM, Condesan, Pangea).
- Dissemination of **news and information** reaches to 10.000 followers through social networks of Fundación Agreste, InfoAndina and Condesan
- **KlimaBlog** online platform (www.bolivian-mountains.org) disseminated to 500 subscribers (Bolivian Mountain Institute)
- Panel participation at an official **side event at COP24** on the impacts of global warming and high mountain glaciers (Bolivian Mountain Institute – BMI)

IDENTIFIED NEEDS AND CHALLENGES

Strategic problems

- Call country governments to promote participation and **collaborative work** with civil society for SMD
- Work with **young people** to avoid migration from the mountains and traditional knowledge lost due to that (exchange information from initiatives that are already working on that)
- Participation of **indigenous organizations** in the main groups / new main group
- **SMD global awareness**

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Operational

- Events calendar
- Spanish as the official language for MP documents and sending them with enough time to read and comment
- IPROMO version in the Andes
- Resource mobilization for local initiatives
- Exchange of information on legislation related to mountains.

¡Gracias!
Thank you!



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