

# MAKING THE FOREST SECTOR TRANSPARENT

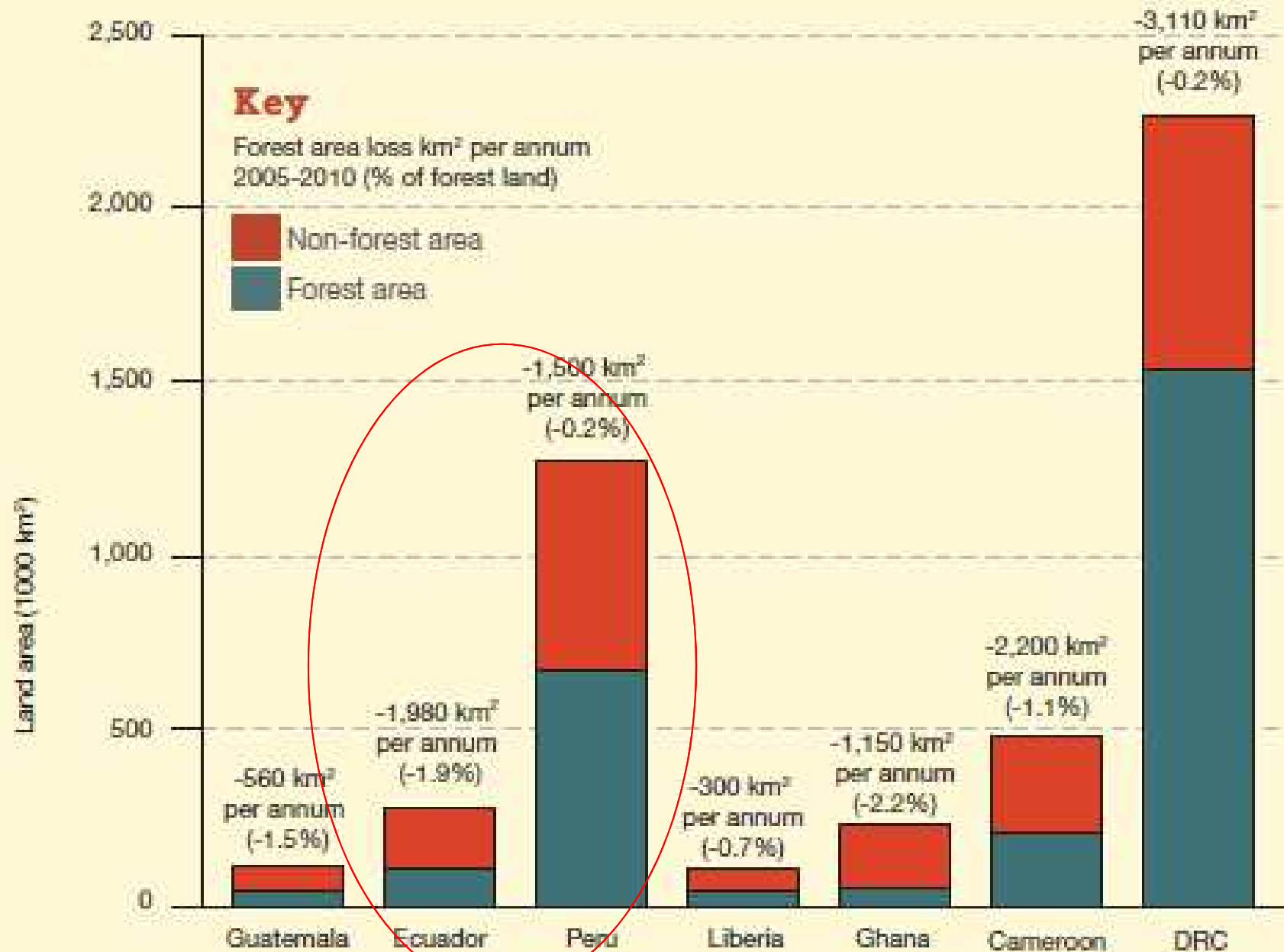
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## Main strategies of the project

- Greater access to information on the forestry sector
- Effective influence in forest governance processes
- Civil society organizations and coalitions working on forest governance issues looking at transparency and information access

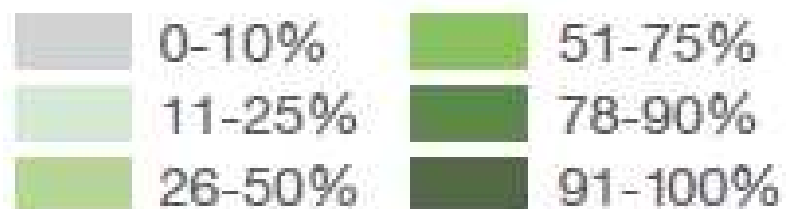
## Forest land area in 2010 and deforestation rate 2005-10 by country



# Ecuador



## Map of estimated % forest cover



## Vital Statistics

### People and Forests

147 people per km<sup>2</sup> of forest



98,650 km<sup>2</sup> total forest area

### Gini Index of Equality



49

### Corruption Perception Index



2.5  
10

### Income



GDP per capita US\$4074

# Peru



## Map of estimated % forest cover



### Vital Statistics

#### People and Forests

43 people per km<sup>2</sup> of forest



679,920 km<sup>2</sup> total forest area

#### Gini Index of Equality



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#### Corruption Perception Index



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#### Income



GDP per capita US\$5290

# Annual Transparency Report









Report Card

Transparency and Access to  
Information Law Compliance

















# Report Card

- ✓ Common assessment tool with **20 indicators**
- ✓ **Indicators refer to:** forestry sector 's regulatory and institutional framework and emerging issues such as: land tenure rights, free prior and informed consent
- ✓ **Traffic light evaluation:**

		Yes
		Partially
		No
		N/A

# SOME RELEVANT RESULTS

	 Peru	 Ecuador
Provisions for Transparency in Forest Laws and Norms		
Legal Recognition of Customary Rights in Forest Laws and Norms		
Legal Recognition of the Right to Free Prior and Informed Consent		
National Land Tenure Policy		
Regulation of Environmental Services		
Fiscal Systems to Distribute Forestry Royalties or Incentives		
Information on Forest Law Infractions		



## Transparency and Access to Information Law Compliance

Año de publicación de la Ley	País	Calificación (sobre 150)
2003	Perú	97
2008	Chile	93
2008	Uruguay	91
1985	Colombia	82
2004	Ecuador	75

Centre for Law and Democracy, Canada and Access Info, Madrid-2011

# TAI Law Compliance Monitoring in 2011

- ✓ Executive branch with key competencies over forest and natural resources
- ✓ Ombudsman
- ✓ Financial Ministries and Central Banks

**ECUADOR (2004)**

**12 PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS**

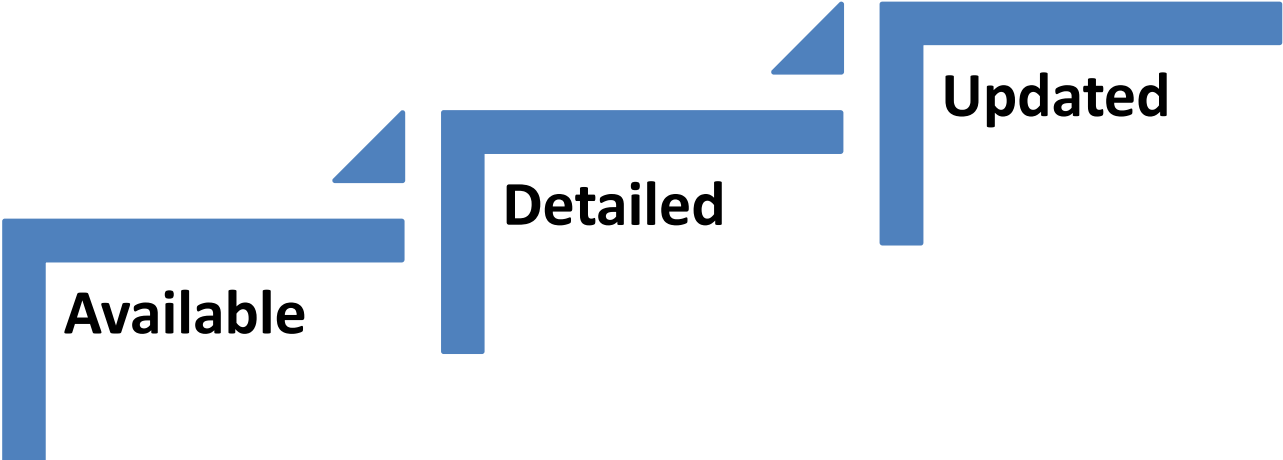
**PERU (2003)**

**16 PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS**



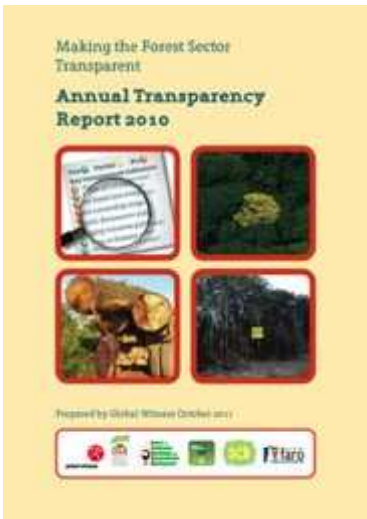
# TAI Law Compliance Monitoring in 2011

An INDEX composed by:



ECUADOR	PERU
Average 57% compliance	Average 60% compliance

# Annual Transparency Reports



# LESSONS: BASIC CONDITIONS FOR REDD+ NEEDED

- Informed population, especially forest peoples
- Strong political will
- Budget and efficient management
- Specific transparency, consultation and participation provisions & mechanisms
- Information management systems in place: organization, classification and systematized information



# CRITICAL ISSUES

- **TAI laws are generic:** do not address forest governance issues
- **FPIC and consultation processes:** only in paper and not legally binding
- **Land tenure and carbon rights are extremely unclear**
- **There are no comprehensive forest cadaster**
- **Registries of REDD+ projects have no specific TAI considerations**



## SOME RECOMMENDATIONS

- REDD+, forest governance and finance needs to be linked to results with transparency in budget and flows (**MRV for finance**)
- **Multi-sectorial land use planning is needed:** Ecuador and Peru's forests face increasing pressure from extractive industries



# THANKS!

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