

REDD+ SURVEY: ECUADOR

Country background

Ecuador has high rates of deforestation and forest degradation and high forest cover. The primary drivers of deforestation and forest degradation include the direct causes of land use change for: expansion of monoculture plantations for agro-industry, shrimp farms, expansion of agricultural land and pastures. Indirect causes are: poverty, conflictive inter-sectoral planning, land tenure issues, development of infrastructure. The estimated rate of deforestation and forest degradation is approximately 198.000 ha/year; 1.46%. Estimates of the potential emissions savings from reducing deforestation in Ecuador range from 440 million tons CO₂e from 2012–2020. The Ministry of Environment has oversight of Ecuador REDD+ policy and has implemented an incentive based policy for conservation as a starting point. Additionally, Ecuador is designing a National REDD+ Strategy, which includes the following components: forestry information system, reforestation/afforestation, sustainable management of forests, land tenure regularization, forestry control, incentives to reduce deforestation. The Strategy has also defined some cross-cutting elements as: funding, social and environmental co-benefits, cross-sectoral planning, participatory process, management of timber demand, legal and institutional framework.

Current sources of finance (from present to 2013)

Financing source	Financing to date (US millions of \$)	Interim financing (US millions of \$)	Post 2012 financing (US millions of \$)	Category*	Details (please provide details of the activities being financed)	Partners (please list any funding or implementing partners)
	Up to 2010	2010 to 2012	Post 2012			
National Government (Financed as part of national REDD+ strategy)	9.3	6	Not yet determined	1, 2 and 3	Incentive-based policy for conservation, forestry control and national forests inventory, deforestation baseline, development of the National REDD+ Strategy.	Ministry of Environment
UN-REDD Programme	??	??	??			
Other sources	0.45	0.5 (As technical support)	3 (As technical support)	1, 2 and 3	Consolidation of incentive-based policy for conservation, strengthening and implementation of the National REDD+ Strategy, implementation of demonstration activities.	GTZ, KfW, Conservation International, USAID.
Total Financing:	9.75	6.5	3			

* Categories of financing/activities include:

Category 1: Development of national REDD+ strategies and action plans, including consultation.

Category 2: Implementation of national REDD+ strategies and capacity building activities, including development of MRV systems and regulatory reforms.

Category 3: Demonstration activities.

Category 4: Performance-based payments for emissions reductions.

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Estimated additional financing requirements

Do you have a low carbon development plan? *No*

Financing/activity category	Estimated additional financing requirements (US millions of \$)	Financing period (Please specify the likely funding period)
Low carbon development plan	1	2010 to 2012

Do you have a national REDD+ strategy? *No*

Have you identified any additional REDD+ capacity building activities that will require financial support? *Yes*

Financing/activity category	Estimated additional financing requirements (US millions of \$)	Financing period (Please specify the likely funding period)
Category 1: Development of a national REDD+ strategy	0.5	2010 to 2012