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This quarterly newsletter is funded by the European Union through the Amazonía+ program. It serves to inform partners and stakeholders in the eight countries of the Amazon region about strategic activities carried out as part of the program.

Amazonía+ participates at the 5th Summit of Amazonian Presidents in Bogotá (18 August)

From August 18 to 22, Bogotá hosted the 5th Summit of Amazonian Presidents, highlighting the participation of Indigenous Peoples as key players.

During the Summit, the Indigenous Manifesto "The Amazon is territory, culture and life" was presented. By consensus, the resolution establishing the **Amazonian Mechanism of Indigenous Peoples (MAPI)** within the framework of ACTO was adopted. This is a global milestone that strengthens co-governance and intercultural dialogue between governments and indigenous peoples.

Through the Bogotá Declaration (2025), the Amazonía+ program reaffirms its commitment to an inclusive, sustainable, and collectively governed Amazon, integrating ancestral knowledge and regional cooperation toward a shared common future.



Link: ACTO made a historic commitment to uphold the rights of the indigenous peoples of the Amazon - ACTO

Colombia holds three BREMIF courses for the first time with support from the Amazonía+ program

(August 25)



For the first time in Colombia, specifically in Guainía - Amazonía, three BREMIF (Integrated Fire Management Response Brigades) courses were conducted. Amazonía+ organized these courses with the support of the National Unit for Disaster Risk Management and UND

The training courses, attended by participants from Colombia, Bolivia, and Peru, were held over three weeks to strengthen technical capacities in wildland fire prevention and management.

The BREMIF courses are part of a regional cooperation and harmonization process coordinated by ACTO's Amazon Integrated Fire Management Network (RAMIF).

Ecuador installs wildfire warning systems with support of Amazonía+

We are pleased to announce that the installation of wildfire alert systems was completed in the seven priority protected areas in Ecuador.

These devices will strengthen prevention and early response to the 2025 wildland fire season, enhancing risk management in key ecosystems across the country.



Puerto Carreño hosts the first Women-In-Fire Training Exchange (COL WTREX) in South America

(September 7)



More than 80 women from Colombia and nine other countries participated in the **Women-In-Fire Training Exchange (COL WTREX)**, the first event of its kind in South America.

From September 7 to 17, experts from Portugal, Spain, Brazil, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Honduras, Peru, and Bolivia shared their experiences with Sikuani and Sáliba indigenous communities in the Kanalitojo reserve. Multiple field exercises, prescribed burns, and drills were carried out to integrate modern techniques with traditional knowledge.

The event was organized in collaboration with the Colombian National Unit for Disaster Risk Management (UNGRD), and with the support of FAO, the Government of Canada, and the Mayor's Office of the Puerto Carreño Municipality.

International cooperation to combat forest fires in the Amazon

(September 15)



Ecuador received an exploratory mission from the Italian Carabinieri Forestali to organize a training program on the forensic investigation of causes of wildland fires.

As part of the mission, a virtual workshop was also held to present the contents of the training program, where delegates from the eight Amazonian countries participated, thereby strengthening regional cooperation and technical exchange in protecting tropical forests.

The training program will take place in Italy between December 2025 and October 2026 and will be delivered in three training cycles for specialists from Amazonian countries.

First regional meeting on culture and community-based fire management in the Amazon

(September 18)



The first regional meeting on culture and community-based fire management in the Amazon was held in Puerto Maldonado, Madre de Dios, and brought together participants from indigenous peoples, local communities, institutions, and international organizations. This event marked the beginning of a series of three regional workshops to be conducted in Peru, Brazil and Colombia.

The process, co-organized by GIZ (CoRAmazonia Project), FAO (FiRe Project – SDC), the Amazonía+ Program (European Union), the IDB, and the Tropenbos Network, aims at strengthening local capacities, integrate different knowledge systems, and elevate Amazonian voices.

First Specialist Fire Management Brigade Course

BREMIF 2025

(October 6)



From October 6 to 12, in Pucallpa, Peru, was conducted the specialized course on integrated fire management. The course received technical support from the Pau Costa Foundation (Spain) and collaboration from Peru's National Forest and Wildlife Service (SERFOR).

Twenty-four participants from different Amazonian regions — including San Martín, Loreto, Madre de Dios, Amazonas, Junín, and Huánuco — together with representatives from the Forest Program (PNCBMCC) and various regional governments, strengthened their knowledge and skills to prevent, respond to, and restore ecosystems affected by forest fires.

**First technical exchange between RedParques and
EUROPARC for the symbolic signing of the
Memorandum of Collaboration
Lithuania
(October 7 to 10)**

The first technical exchange between RedParques and EUROPARC was held as part of the commitments undertaken by the RedParques Regional Coordination, led by Venezuela. The initiative was made possible with the support of the European Union through the Amazonía+ program.

This strategic action aims at strengthening cooperation and synergies between both networks of protected areas, thereby contributing to the conservation and protection of the most vulnerable ecosystems in both Amazonian countries and Europe.

**New JRC Publication:
Wildland fires in 2024 caused the largest forest
degradation in the Amazon for more than two decades
(October 8)**

These findings raise concern that the region may be approaching an ecological tipping point and reinforce the need for coordinated and sustainable actions—such as those promoted by the Amazonía+ program—to strengthen integrated fire management, environmental governance, and regional cooperation in defense of Amazonian ecosystems.

https://capacity4dev.europa.eu/library/extensive-fire-driven-degradation-2024-marks-worst-amazon-forest-disturbance-over-2-decades_en



Webinar on wildland fire management

(October 20-21)

The Amazonía+ program, with the support of the European Union and the Ministry of Ecological Transition of Spain, held the webinar "Fire Ecology and Behavior for Wildland Fire Management."

The event, led by Javier Madrigal from ICIFOR-INIA-CSIC, addressed principles of wildland fire behavior, ecology of plant species, and digital simulators and tools for fire prevention and management. This webinar aimed at strengthening the capacity for sustainable management of Amazon forests.

1st MIPA Technical Meeting: "Regenerative agriculture and livestock in the Amazon"

(October 27- 30)

Pucallpa, Peru. The First MIPA Technical Meeting "Regenerative agriculture and livestock for forested jurisdictions in Peru and the Amazon" was organized by the Amazon Regional Commonwealth, the Regional Government of Ucayali, the GCF Task Force, and Amazonía+.

The event sought to exchange experiences, strengthen public policies and build partnerships around regenerative agricultural and livestock practices, promoting the sustainability of forests and local livelihoods. Delegates and public officials from Amazonian jurisdictions participated.

COICA and Amazonía+ promote the strengthening of Amazonian indigenous governance

(October 27)



COICA, in partnership with the Amazonía+ program, launched a program to strengthen governance, political advocacy, and communication among Amazonian indigenous peoples. Through this agreement, COICA seeks to consolidate traditional knowledge, protect territorial defenders, and enhance strategic communication from within the territories themselves.

The project will benefit 200 indigenous people, ensuring equitable participation by women and youth, while promoting local leadership and the exchange of ancestral knowledge. This initiative reaffirms COICA and the Amazonía+ program's commitment to working together for a united Amazon.

New call for proposals to strengthen community projects in the Amazon

(October 28)



Amazonía+ launched a call for proposals for local and community-based organizations in Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru to fund up to six pilot projects on best agricultural and livestock practices.

This initiative seeks to mitigate deforestation, reduce forest degradation and prevent wildland fires by promoting strategic, participatory, and innovative actions with a territorial and sustainable approach. Its priorities include strengthening local capacities and encouraging the participation of women and youth in community processes.

Read the Terms of Reference here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1q35KwUzU6hzOhRKowlYjcfiXTY4GSG_6?usp=drive_link

Amazonian indigenous communities strengthen their fire management capacity in the first BRICOM course in Ecuador

(October 29)



Morona, Ecuador. The first Amazonian Community Forest Brigade Course in Ecuador (BRI.COM) has concluded.

During the closing ceremony, the participants made three commitments: to replicate their knowledge in Achuar and Shuar communities; to create a specialized forest firefighting unit in Morona and to advance the approval of a municipal ordinance on wildland fires.

The course marks an important step toward community-based and sustainable fire management driven from within Amazonian territories.

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