

<b>Name:</b>	<b>27. ORITO INGI ANDE MEDICINAL PLANTS SANCTUARY</b>		
<b>Region</b>	Latin America and the Caribbean	<b>Country</b>	Colombia
<b>Ecosystem</b>	Forest and woodland		
<b>Nature of approach</b>	Improvement in capacity, design and policy measures (capacity building); Implementation of EBA measures (protected areas)		
<b>Description of approach</b>	<p><b>Objective/Expected outcomes</b> Colombia is one of many countries relying on locally collected traditional medicines as a major resource for meeting primary health care needs. With climate change expected to increase the incidence of many diseases, the project aimed to ensure the continued provision of forest natural resources to help people cope with such impacts, through creation of a protected area specifically to preserve medicinal flora.</p> <p><b>Actions</b> Working with indigenous communities and traditional medicine men of the surrounding area provided the knowledge to establish the protected area within the National Natural Park System.</p> <p><b>Results achieved</b> The protected area, designated in 2008, is jointly managed by indigenous communities, traditional authorities and several government biological and cultural conservation institutions. The sanctuary covers 10,200 ha of tropical rainforests and Andean forests ranging from between 700 and 3,300 metres above sea level. With several diseases such as malaria already increasing in some countries due to climate change, the protected area helps maintain the essential ecosystem services that enable people to adapt to changing conditions, such as incidence of disease. The protected area also helps to maintain the integrity of the Andean and Amazonian ecosystems, which provide other essential services, including drinking water.</p> <p><b>Lessons learned (particularly highlighting the benefits and challenges related with ecosystem-based approach)</b></p>		
<b>Type of organisation</b>	Government; local communities	<b>Name of organisation:</b>	Government of Colombia; local communities
<b>Further information and contact details</b>	<a href="http://www.iucn.org/about/work/programmes/pa/pa_news/?1143/The-National-Natural-Park-System-of-Colombia-reaches-54-protected-areas">http://www.iucn.org/about/work/programmes/pa/pa_news/?1143/The-National-Natural-Park-System-of-Colombia-reaches-54-protected-areas</a>		