Our Mission: “Support financing of environmental management towards the sustainable development of Ecuador”

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Governance
The Board of Directors is the highest decision making body, it is comprised of seven members representing: Government of Ecuador (Ministry of The Environment), Environmental Sector, Academic Sector, and three members elected by the Board from qualified and proven individuals. The Board of Directors is supported by a Programs and a Finance Committee.

We have a multidisciplinary staff of professionals, results oriented and committed to our Mission.

Accountability
Our By-Laws require that we have an Internal Auditor as part of our team.

An external, internationally recognized independent firm audits every year our financial statements which can later be shared with the Government of Ecuador, donors, and also posted at our Web Page.

Part of the auditing process includes also compliance with agreements and key procedures.

Track Record
Since 2002 we have channeled more that $22M in support of biodiversity conservation in Ecuador out of which $12M are endowment funds that provide sustainable financing for protected areas. We currently have financing agreements for over $30M.

We developed solid and professional relation with our partners in implementation including the Ministry of Environment,

Ecuador and its Meso-diversity:
256,370 Km2. At the size of the State of Colorado USA. 1/3 the size of France. 35 times the size of Ecuador. Although its size, is one of the 17 Megadiverse countries on Earth with an astonishing number of species: 42,000 plants, and over 500,000 insect. 369 mammal, 396 reptile, 441 amphibian, 1626 bird, 44,763 fish, 5,450,141 ferns, 65,396,000 mosses.

The population of Ecuador is of approximately 15 Million, the territory is settled by 13 nationalities, 14 indigenous groups inhabit Ecuador, and 10 original languages are spoken. Southern and equatorial coast are vital for the economy of the country and the wellbeing of its people.

The National System of Protected Areas
Protected Areas are a key strategy for biodiversity conservation. Ecuador has established a National System of Protected Areas (Sistema Nacional de Áreas Protegidas) which includes 35 National Parks and other Protected Areas which cover the Pacific and Amazonian basin, influence climate, the tropical forests of the Amazon. Ocean currents, such as Humboldt and Niño, as well as air currents from the Galapagos to the Pacific shore, through the Andes to the Galapagos and Pacific. The National System of Protected Areas is a key strategy for biodiversity conservation and sustainable use of natural resources is to secure sufficient and sustainable funding.

Fondo Ambiental Nacional
A private non-profit organization created by the Republic of Ecuador with the purpose of mobilizing extraordinary funding through donations and grants to finance environmental priorities of the country.

Our principal activity is to support biodiversity conservation in Ecuador through sustainable financing of core operations of Protected Areas, and support activities in their buffer zones.

It channels funding to different entities that implement environmental programs and projects such as the Ministry of Environment, National Local NGOs, local communities, indigenous groups, local governments, and Universities.

The Protected Areas Fund is based on a $12M endowment (GEF-Germany-Ecuador) supporting 11 of the 35 protected areas with a yearly budget of approximately $405,000 which is more than 20% of all funding for protected areas in Ecuador (continent).

Ecofondo is one of the most important funding initiatives from the private sector ($15M endowment by The MacArthur Foundation), supported by the Condor Kutuku Conservation Corridor Project is supported by the Moore Foundation and aims to strengthening Sangay and Rocafuerte National Parks, and the creation of new protected areas.

Our experience and credibility provide an interesting and effective way to support biodiversity conservation in Ecuador.

Key Strategies:
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Other donors and agencies have been supporting our projects including: The Netherlands, USARD, THC Cl, The MacArthur Foundation, USDG-RED, CNERP-Ecuador, KfW- Germany, among others.

The Galapagos Invasive Species Fund will operate in the near future from a $15M endowment to support organizations from Galapagos in the control invasive species.