

## Management of the Chaqueño forest and Climate Change



Implementation period

**10 months**

Countries



Argentina



Bolivia

Overall project amount

**240.646 Euros**

### OBJECTIVE

**General objective:** Improve the socio-ecological resilience of local populations in the Gran Chaco by strengthening forest management mechanisms in productive environments.

**Specific objective:** To increase the knowledge, capacities and competencies of local actors in the management of multiple-use forest and integrated livestock systems in the Gran Chaco Americano of Bolivia and Argentina.

### EXPECTED RESULTS

Increase the knowledge and capacities of local stakeholders in the management of innovative multiple-use forest systems and their socio-economic and environmental benefits.

### PILOT SITES AND ECOSYSTEMS

#### Pilot Sites

Gran Chaco Americano in Argentina and Bolivia

#### Ecosystems

The Gran Chaco Americano is the largest dry tropical forest region in the world, with an area of more than 1,100,000 km<sup>2</sup> distributed among Argentina, Paraguay, Bolivia, and Brazil. The project's area of action covers the Gran Chaco with its different ecosystems, such as Médanos (dunes), Pantanal (swamps), Humid Chaco and Dry Chaco. Endemic species of the region include quebracho (hardwood tree), cactus and carob trees (evergreen legume). The Chaco is characterised by its high biodiversity, hosting, for example, more than 400 species of birds.

### BENEFICIARIES

- 71 Creole peasant families
- 10 individual women in the pilot sites Real Frontera, Santa Victoria Este, y Salta in Argentina
- 30 small and medium-sized producers, 20 students from agro-technical schools and 30 public officials and technical advisors (in the new pilot site Norte Santa Fe, Argentina).
- 20 indigenous women and 20 peasant families (in the new pilot site Salta North-West Formosa, Argentina)
- 34 small-scale producers
- 310 indigenous families, 20 young indigenous community leaders (from the communities of Santa Victoria Sur)

### MAP



It is proposed to use the forest in an integrated manner as an alternative for sustainable development in the face of changes in land use. In this framework, forest conservation, livestock management and the valorisation of other forest products are included in the same productive matrix. This enables the integration of all components and takes advantage of the benefits that each aspect brings to the overall system. The proposal is based on the adoption and combination of low environmental impact technologies, favouring a balance between the productive capacity of the system, its integrity and its services, under the principle of maintaining and improving the well-being of the producer and associated communities.

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