

ACA at a Glance: Annual Report 2011

Amazon Conservation Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit conservation organization active in the Andes-Amazon region of South America. ACA's mission is to conserve biodiversity in the Amazon basin. We protect the world's richest forests, train the next generation of Amazonian conservationists, and help people in the Amazon live better lives through sustainable means. ACA works through a branch office in La Paz, Bolivia and through its sister organization, *Asociación para la Conservación de la Cuenca Amazónica* (ACCA), in Peru.

Offices:

Washington, D.C., USA. 5 staff
La Paz, Bolivia 3 staff
Cusco, Peru (ACCA). 28 staff (includes Wayqecha and Villa Carmen staff)

➤ Madre de Dios, Peru (ACCA) 27 staff (includes Los Amigos staff)

Total staff: 63 (ACA and ACCA together)

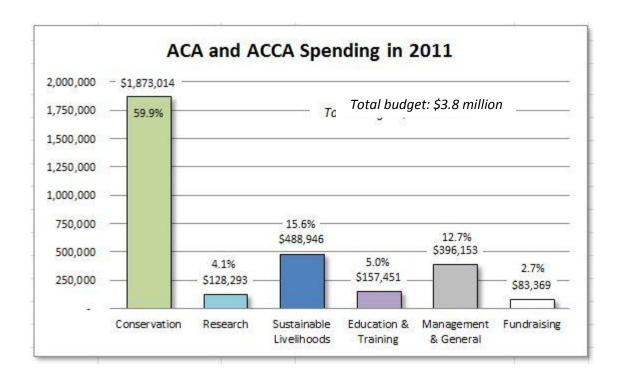
Board of Directors: 14 members

Field Sites:

- > Brazil Nut Concessions, Madre de Dios, Peru
 - > 4 million acres; buffering the 675,737 acre (273,461 ha) Tambopata National Reserve and highly threatened forest along the soon-to-be-paved Interoceanic highway
- Los Amigos Conservation Concession and Los Amigos Biological Station, Madre de Dios, Peru
 - 361,000 acres (146,092 ha); buffering the Reserve for Indigenous People in Voluntary Isolation
- Waygecha Cloud Forest Research Center, Cusco, Peru
 - 1,400 acres (567 ha) that buffer the 4.2 million acre (1,532,806 ha) Manu National Park
- Wachiperi Haramba Queros Conservation Concession, Cusco, Peru
 - 17,238 acres (6,976 ha) that buffer the 4.2 million acre (1,532,806 ha) Manu National Park
- Villa Carmen Biological Station & Campus for Sustainable Agriculture, Cusco, Peru
 - 7,576 acres (3,066 ha) of old-growth rainforest, streams, waterfalls, and a wide variety of flora and fauna located near the Rio Piñi Piñi in the Manu Biosphere Reserve just north of the village of Pillcopata
- > Pampas del Heath, La Paz, Bolivia
 - 200,000 acres (81,000 ha) of the last remaining natural savannas in South America

Principal Funders:

- ➤ Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, \$2,256,244 for 2009–2012 (3 yrs)
- Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad), \$1,665,544 for 2010–2013 (3 yrs)
- ➤ U.S. Agency for International Development, \$1,653,482 for 2006–2011 (5 yrs)
- ➤ Individual large donor: \$500,000 for Villa Carmen project, 2010–2012
- > The blue moon fund, \$345,000 for Villa Carmen and organizational support, 2011
- Individual large donor: \$150,000 in general support, 2011
- > Individual large donor: \$149,500 for institutional strengthening and general support, 2011



Conservation Metrics: Below are some of the ways ACA tracks its projects in fulfilling its mission.

Conserving forest

| Direct protection (conservation concession and land purchases) | 370,569 acres |
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| Brazil nut forest concessions established | >4 million acres |
| Indigenous conservation areas created | 17,238 acres |

Training a new generation of conservationists

| Research projects hosted at Los Amigos (CICRA) to date | >197 |
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| Scholarships awarded to date (Los Amigos) | 133 |
| Researchers and students visiting Waygecha since 2000 | >1,000 |

Monitoring ecosystem health

| Overall species diversity (species recorded to date – Los Amigos) | 4,338 |
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| Increase in primate sightings along the Los Amigos river (2004-2007) | 67% |
| Increase in reptile sightings along the Los Amigos River (2004-2007) | 108% |
| Carbon dioxide equivalent stored in forest at Los Amigos | 79.4 million tons |

Expanding scientific understanding

| Research projects hosted to date (Los Amigos) | > 197 |
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| Research projects hosted to date (Wayqecha) | > 70 |
| Research projects hosted to date (Hac. Villa Carmen) | 12 |

Creating sustainable livelihood opportunities for local people

| Families with Brazil nut concessions supported by ACA | 590 |
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| Brazil nut concessions with Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) & organic certification | 148 |
| Brazil nut trees mapped and included in a comprehensive database | 84,740 |
| Tree seedlings grown in ACA nurseries for reforestation around Andean towns | 600,000 |