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Project title	FP110 Ecuador REDD-Plus RBP for results period 2014 – Project Green Climate Fund			
Result areas	Sector	Total financing, USD	GCF financing, USD	Financial instrument
Forestry and land use	Public	TbD	US\$18.6 million	Grant
Description of specific climate change problem and how the project will address it	<p>The project aims to limit and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from Land-Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF). Such reductions will arise in the context of promoting sustainable rights-based development and the responsible management and use of our natural resources; implementing the management plans of local governments and the management plans of Protective Forests and National Protected Areas; improving the livelihoods of those that depend on forest resources (including smallholder farmers and small business enterprises, as well as indigenous peoples and other collectives); creating new markets for deforestation free commodities; implementing and strengthening Ecuador’s systems to monitor social and environmental impacts; and supporting the performance and analysis of regular and participatory impact assessments (environmental, economic, and socio-cultural) that will inform the nation’s laws, policies and strategies aimed at fulfilling its REDD+ goals and objectives.</p>			
Alignment with key country priorities and stakeholders engaged	<p>The RBP Project is fully aligned with Ecuador’s National REDD+ AP and a host of domestic policies and strategies related to matters ranging from forest management, gender equity, biodiversity, human rights, sustainable development, and more generally, climate change. In Ecuador’s Funding Proposal (FP) and its accompanying Environmental and Social Assessment (ESA) and associated ESA annexes, MAE has provided a substantial description of the baseline environmental and socioeconomic conditions within which the RBP Project will be implemented. Besides REDD+ Action Plan is part of Ecuador’s NDC targets.</p>			

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Activities

The RBP Project includes a range of activities that have been specified and described to date in five (5) proposed outputs and at least ten (10) corresponding activities based on multi-stakeholder consultations held throughout the preparations of the National REDD+ AP. As already designed, a number of these proposed activities will be conducted throughout the nation, while others will be conducted in certain regions already specified (i.e. the Southwest of the country, the regions of Sierra and Costa, and in the Amazon forest). Even where the activities are performed in a specific geography or biome, all progress will have national implications for achieving the objectives of REDD+.

Expected outcomes

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Expected outcomes correspond to the four strategic components (SC) of the Ecuador's National REDD+ Action Plan (AP) :

- SC1 - Policies and institutional management for REDD+;
- SC 2 - Transition to sustainable agricultural production systems;
- SC 3 - Sustainable forest management; and
- SC 4 - Conservation and restoration.

Paradigm shift potential

The RBP Project will contribute to create an enabling environment to sustainable development by achieving systemic change at the local, national and hopefully international levels, and by including social, economic and environmental co-benefits into the proposed paradigm shift, such as protection of forests, biodiversity, and the rights of indigenous peoples and other collectives, including their ancestral and cultural heritage sites.