Multipurpose Cadaster Project

Objective: Implementing the multipurpose cadaster in environmentally protected areas of the Colombian Amazon, to strengthen sustainable management and reduce deforestation.

Total UK Grant: UK through the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office provided a £43 million grant (set up as and additional financing (AF) of the Multipurpose Cadaster Project loan).

Contributions:

The effective implementation of the multipurpose cadaster is key to establishing an inventory of land tenure rights, along with the recording of land use restrictions and environmental responsibilities, enabling conservation aims and community land governance.

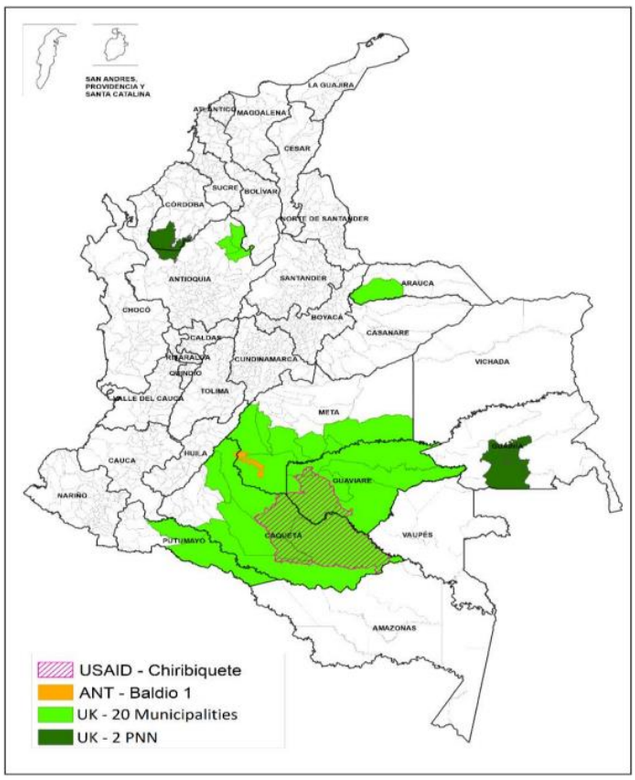
Executing Partners

- National Planning Department
- National Geographic Institute Agustín Codazzi
- Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development
- National Land Agency
- Superintendency of Notaries and Registries
- Fondo Acción

Main outcomes up to 2024:

- A nationwide free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) was obtained from indigenous organizations to conduct the cadaster in collective indigenous territories. In addition, the operation is supporting FPIC with afro-descendant communities, which is expected to be completed in the first half of 2024.
- To advance in the issuance of conservation agreements, the following were delivered: strategy and route designed, legal basis established of “rural vulnerable population settled in protected areas”, participation in local meetings in Guaviare to start operations alongside the cadastral work.
- The cadastral operation in Guaviare will be significant in supporting indigenous peoples, such as the Nukak-Makú group, who are at risk of extinction, as they have been greatly weakened by the armed conflict.

Areas of intervention: The Additional Financing expanded the Multipurpose Cadaster Project scope by including 20 more municipalities and 2 National Parks areas to the 40 municipalities already covered in the original loan representing 16,511,209 additional hectares of critical ecosystems.



Main activities:

The multipurpose cadaster implementation is a key enabling condition in conflict-prone areas, strengthening territorial governance in line with long-standing land-related commitments included in the 2016 Peace Accord.

- The multipurpose cadaster will promote rural and environmental development by supporting the issuance of conservation agreements, the development of sustainable infrastructure, agriculture, and forestry projects; in this way it will address access gaps to benefit minority groups such as: indigenous peoples, afro-Colombians, women, and vulnerable rural communities.
- The cadastral operation in Guaviare will be significant in supporting indigenous peoples, such as the Nukak-Makú group, who are at risk of extinction, as they have been greatly weakened by the armed conflict.
- Securing collective tenure rights can support community land governance to protect their rights, thereby contributing to reduced deforestation rates since IPs have been proved to play a key role in maintaining the forest (FAO, Forest governance by indigenous and tribal peoples, 2021).