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"Año de la Lucha contra la Corrupción y la Impunidad"



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California Air and Resources Board,
State Capital Suite 1173
Sacramento California, 95814, USA.
Support for California Tropical Forest Standard

Dear members of the California Air Resources Board

We reiterate here our support for the Tropical Forest Standard and its support from the California Air Resources Board. California has been a world leader in addressing climate change and this standard is an urgent signal that can increase the impact of California's policy beyond its borders. As a tropical forest region, we understand the importance of the fight to protect and sustainably manage forests; as well as its ecological and cultural value, which promotes a green environment for our region, the country and the world. We are working to partner with other jurisdictions to reduce the deforestation of our forests, increase the inclusion of our indigenous peoples and local communities, strengthen the participation of local actors in forest monitoring, promote sustainable and inclusive forest development and comply with our national and international commitments aligned to the protection of forests.

The need to address climate change is critical, and stopping deforestation of tropical forests is indispensable and one of the most important steps the world can take to take a safer path. The conservation of tropical forests has a global reach, affecting climatic events such as droughts and forest fires that increasingly affect California and many other global jurisdictions. The California standard will be a solid example of how to establish incentives for large-scale forestry programs that address deforestation with environmental and social integrity. The standard is based on the science of sound; It will provide a necessary model for emerging markets around the world on how forest protection efforts could be recognized by emerging markets, sustainable supply chain efforts and other climate protection programs.


The Ucayali Region has worked hard on actions to reduce deforestation and fight against illegal logging; also, it has promoted promotional activities for forest conservation, reforestation, sustainable use of resources and consultation with the private, social, and state sectors to align the objectives and goals in the protection of forest and natural resources. In Ucayali we believe that the integration of our indigenous peoples is very important in forest surveillance and administration, which is why the region created the Indigenous Peoples Management, in order to ensure the interests of our native peoples and integrate them into the process of sustainable development as important actors in forest surveillance.

We recognize that the Tropical Forest Standard (TFS) could be used as a guide on the type of requirements expected from compliance markets for programs that include, voluntary and compliance markets, sustainable supply chains to recognize our forest protection efforts based on the sector and how it works transversely with the proposals of integration to local populations and communities in our region. That is why, in response to the global objectives of the region and the sub-national and national agreements of which we are participants, we consider support for the Tropical Forest Standard of great importance.

For years, the Regional Government of Ucayali and California have been learning from each other and collaborating through the Governors Working Group on Climate and Forests (GCF Task Force) and the MOU Under2 led by California. We look forward to continued collaboration and joint subnational leadership to address climate change, stop tropical deforestation and promote sustainable livelihoods. We urge you to take the next step and approve the Tropical Forest Standard.

Sincerely,

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