

DRY FOREST PROJECT

ABOUT A ROCHA PERU

A Rocha Peru aspires to restore harmony between people and nature and ensure the well-being of all creation, by enabling a responsible relationship with the environment. We are a Christian, non-profit organization and a member of the global family of A Rocha International. We work with local actors to carry out activities in conservation, environmental education, social development, and applied research.

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A local resident, Absalon, and his donkey rest under the shade of dry forest trees.

PROJECT CONTEXT

Peru's coastal dry forests are a unique and biodiverse ecosystem, but with only 2% remaining they are one of the most endangered ecosystems in the world. Deforestation is primarily due to agricultural and urban expansion as well as indiscriminate logging. These drivers exacerbate poverty amongst low-income, smallholder farming communities who depend upon dry forests for food, water, income, and protection from climate events.

Located on Peru's northern coast in the La Libertad department, our Dry Forest Project works with low-income farmers and community members to reforest this threatened landscape. Our project empowers local communities to conserve dry forests in two key ways. Firstly, we work with community members to protect and restore existing dry forest landscapes. Secondly, we develop the capacity of smallholder farmers to conserve and sustainably use dry forest landscapes through environmental education and agroforestry training. As a result, the project will boost sustainable income for smallholder farming communities while simultaneously restoring dry forest biodiversity.

With this project we aim to deliver the following:

- **Conservation:** we will restore nine hectares of degraded dry forest landscapes through reforestation with native trees and sustainable management practices
- **Applied Research:** we will monitor dry forest remnants, including endemic flora and fauna, and identify pests, diseases and possible control methods
- **Capacity Building:** we will train 190 community members in dry forest restoration, conservation and sustainable management practices
- **Knowledge Management:** we will share project results and learnings at a local, national and global level to raise awareness of the importance of dry forest landscapes

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