

# LA LIBERTAD 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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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 partners with low-income farmers and community members to restore, conserve, and sustainably manage dry forest landscapes. To realize this vision the project aims to deliver the following:

- ◆ **Conservation:** restore degraded landscapes with native trees, manage the dry forests and foster their sustainable management, reduce illegal logging for firewood use, reduce the deterioration by grazing, and protect and nurture new trees.
- ◆ **Applied Research:** determine & monitor key species of flora and fauna and carry out research that gathers important data on the dry forest and informs project activities.
- ◆ **Capacity Building:** increase the communities' commitment and awareness of the importance of the dry forest and their capacity to sustainably manage the dry forest.
- ◆ **Knowledge Management:** share project results and learnings at a local, national and global level to raise awareness of the importance of the dry forest.

