



# ANUAL REPORT 2024





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Forest!**



## **PRESENTATION**

2024 has been a key year for IBIF, consolidating our role as a technical leader in sustainable territorial management. Through strategic alliances with Indigenous communities, productive organizations, academic institutions, and international partners, we have promoted initiatives that strengthen forest governance, climate change resilience, and the sustainable use of natural resources.

One of the core pillars of our work has been training indigenous youth, women, and men in leadership, project management, and territorial monitoring, expanding their participation in local and international advocacy spaces.

In a context of growing environmental challenges, we have strengthened our work in forest wildfire prevention and ecosystem conservation, promoting community monitoring systems, strengthening community fire brigades, and generating technical knowledge on the impacts of deforestation and climate change. In addition, we have supported the development of organizational processes in Indigenous territories and municipalities, contributing to the consolidation of coordination platforms for the sustainable management of forests and water resources.

This year's achievements are the result of the efforts and commitment of communities, strategic partners, and our technical team, who share the vision of a future in which forest conservation goes hand in hand with the well-being of the populations that depend on them. We will continue to advance with the same commitment, combining knowledge and action to strengthen territorial management and socio-environmental resilience in Bolivia.

#StrongPeopleStrongForests

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## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

We promote the economic valuation of forests, their natural resources, and the sustainable management of biodiversity, which significantly contribute to forest conservation from a comprehensive, inclusive, and equitable territorial approach, thus promoting the sustainable development of communities and the people who comprise them. Our objectives are:

**STRENGTHEN ADVOCACY ON PUBLIC POLICIES AND GOVERNANCE AT THE TERRITORIAL LEVEL WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS TO PROMOTE INTEGRATED, SUSTAINABLE, AND INCLUSIVE FOREST MANAGEMENT, IMPROVING CLIMATE RESILIENCE.**

**PROMOTE THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC VALUE OF THE LAND AND FORESTS, INTEGRATING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL ACTORS, BIODIVERSITY, AND THE RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.**

**INCORPORATE A CROSS-CUTTING GENDER AND GENERATIONAL APPROACH AT THE INSTITUTIONAL AND PROGRAMMATIC LEVEL, PROMOTING EQUITY AND THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITHIN INTEGRAL TERRITORIAL MANAGEMENT.**



Gestionar sosteniblemente los bosques, luchar contra la desertificación, detener e invertir la degradación de las tierras y detener la pérdida de biodiversidad

We are directly aligned with contributing to the outcome of SDG 15: Life on Land. Its second goal: "Promote sustainable management of all types of forests, end deforestation, restore degraded forests, and increase afforestation and reforestation globally." We also contribute to the following SDGs:



PROJECT	FINANCING	DURATION	TERRITORY	POPULATION	EXECUTION
<b>Forests for a Fair Future GLA</b>	Tropenbos International  Green Livelihoods Alliance	2021 - 2025	TCO-Lomerío (259.188,7 Has.) y TCO-Guarayos (2.211.233,6 Has.)	480 women, 80 men. 960 young	1,574,106 Bs.
<b>Working Landscape Program</b>	Tropenbos International	2019-2025	TCO Guarayos y TCO Monte Verde (467.556 has.) Municipalities of: Ascensión de Guarayos, Urubichá, Concepción, San Ignacio de Velasco y Lomerío.	7 OFCs. 1,454 families (5,816 people) Municipal Autonomous Governments	2,467,397 Bs.
<b>Voices from the Territory: For inclusive community governance and rights for Chiquitana Indigenous Women of the TCO Monteverde</b>	Rights and Resources Initiatives	2024 - 2025	Municipalities de San Javier Concepcion y Lomerio. TCO Monteverde	Women's Organizations of San Javier, Concepcion, and Lomerio. Monteverde Cloud Forest Conservation Area	87,1213 Bs.
<b>Guarayos Biobusinesses</b>	PROFIN / BID	2021 -2025	TCO-Guarayos (2.211.233,6 Has.)	Municipalities of: Ascension de Guarayos y Urubichá,	870,116 Bs
<b>Wetlands Without Borders</b>	HSF-Both ENDS	2019-2025	San Ignacio de Velasco (48.959,22 km²)	9 communities. Women from 66 families.	164,751 Bs.

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<b>Our initiative protecting our forests - Guarayos indigenous territory</b>	Global Forest Watch	2024 -2025	TCO-Guarayos (2.211.233,6 Has.)	OFCs. 1,454 families (5,816 people)	113,709 Bs.
<b>Improving the resilience of socio-ecological systems in the Chiquitania</b>	BOS Plus	2022-2026	TCO-Lomerío (259.188,7205 Has) 15 communities	195 families	534,626 Bs.
<b>Seed Funds</b>	Fundacion Sociambiental Semilla	2024 - 2025	TCO Lomerio y TCO Guarayos	Benefit to organizations with productive, social and environmental projects	227,361 Bs.
<b>TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GENDER STRATEGY</b>	Global Forest Coalition	2024	Bolivia	GLA partner institutions in Bolivia	56,036 Bs.
<b>Ecological field research on fire ecology in savannas and tropical forests.</b>	TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY	2024	Chiquitania	Investigation	9,515 Bs.

PROYECTO	FINANCIADOR	DURACION	TERRITORIO	POBLACION	EJECUCION
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Consulting: Chestnut Regeneration Monitoring	WWF Bolivia	2024	Multiethnic Peasant Indigenous Originary Territory II - PANDO	TIM II Population	260,000 Bs.
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Consulting: Amazonian Fruits Chestnut	WWF Bolivia	2024 - 2025	Multiethnic Peasant Indigenous Originary Territory II - PANDO	TIM II Population	237,754 Bs
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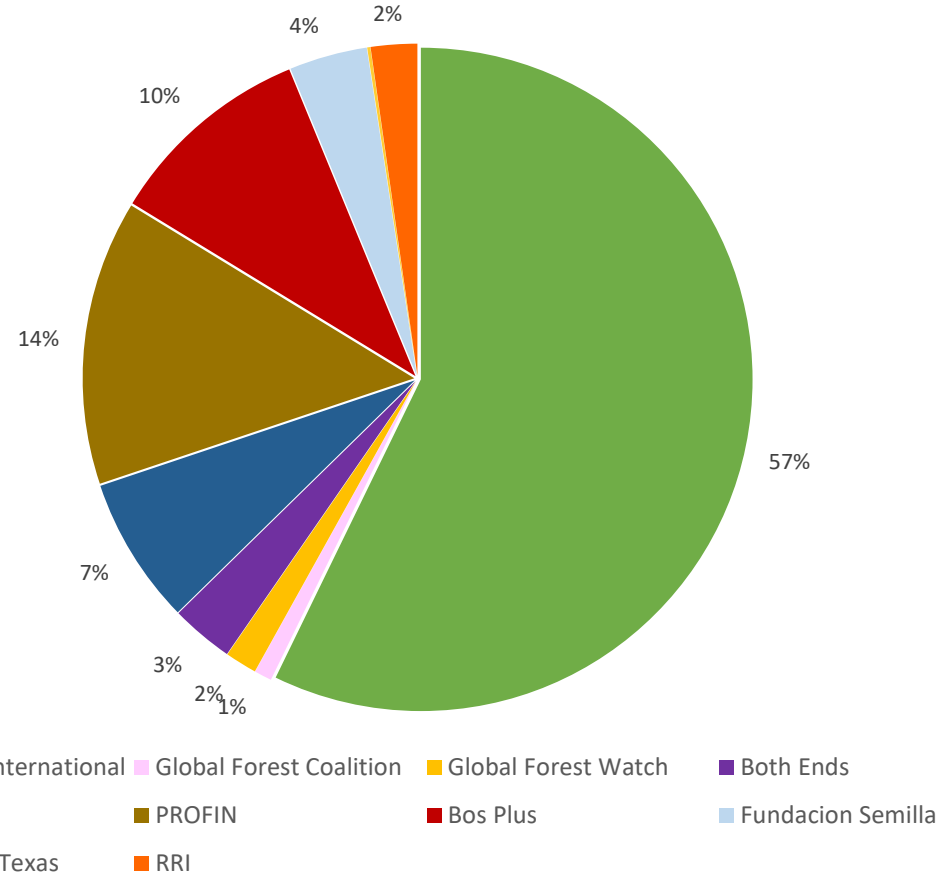
Total Executed  
2024

6,617,522 Bs.

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## PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTION BY FUNDER

Porcentaje contribucion por Financiador



## Achievements 2024

- In 2024, we supported CICOL and the Indigenous Government of Monte Verde in developing the Monte Verde Life Plan, directly impacting 280,000 hectares. Youth participation events fostered dialogue on challenges, vision, and development strategies, while the GLA project promoted women's inclusion in decision-making.

- We promoted and contributed to dialogues with support organizations to raise awareness about the importance of creating safe spaces for women's organizations to participate in the development of the TCO Monteverde Life Plan. Women's organizations from Lomerío, Concepción, and San Javier (OMIML, OMIP-SJ, and OMIOCHC) successfully incorporated their demands and proposals into the TCO Monte Verde Life Plan.

- AFIG implemented its Strategic Plan, focusing on technical assistance, organizational strengthening, and forest monitoring. It established a Technical Forestry Unit and a monitoring center for heat sources and deforestation, reinforcing its commitment to conservation and sustainable forest management.

- Through the operation of the Technical Forestry Unit and Monitoring Center, AFIG, in coordination with the Community Forest Organizations (OFC), monitored and tracked heat sources, forest fires, deforestation, and land invasions, as well as the implementation of forest management plans, applying different protocols for each monitoring activity.

- Based on studies on the climate crisis and water scarcity (promoted by WLP), the creation of the "Urubichá Wetlands" Municipal Protected Area (399,219 ha) has been facilitated. Additionally, four communities of the TCO Lomerío have allocated 1,368.36 ha for the conservation of water recharge areas. A similar process is underway in Ascensión de Guarayos, with a projection of 302,272 ha under sustainable management.

- In Guarayos, young members of the Community Forest Organizations (OFC) have strengthened their monitoring skills, while the OFCs of Lomerío and Guarayos are successfully meeting the national SBCBI certification standards for sustainable forest management. We have also supported CICOL in establishing its Technical Forestry Unit, backed by trained territorial monitors.

- The youth of ETJ-OFC have actively integrated into forest governance in Guarayos, implementing a seed project that strengthened their capacities and equipped AFIG's forest monitoring center. They received training in territorial management and satellite monitoring, achieving a key alliance with AFIG to operationalize the center under a monitoring protocol. Thanks to this process and IBIF's technical

support, two ETJ-OFC youth now manage the center, providing key information for decision-making in the territory.

- We developed evidence-based advocacy actions to help Indigenous producers in Lomerío make informed decisions regarding water resource management and conservation. A study on livestock farming in Lomerío was conducted to define strategies to enhance the resilience of their production systems.

- We provided technical assistance to the OFC of San Juan, improving their understanding of the requirements, risks, and commitments involved in accessing a small operational forest loan. This support enabled San Juan to secure bank financing, paving the way for other OFCs to explore similar opportunities.

- In collaboration with the National Confederation of Carpenters, we disseminated public procurement regulations for wood products in five municipalities (WLP program intervention areas).

- Following the 2024 forest fires—the most severe recorded in recent years at both the national level and in Guarayos—and with the aim of incorporating productive economic alternatives for various actors in the region, the Bolivian Forestry Chamber supported a forest business roundtable for the OFCs. This was the first time such an event was held in Guarayos, yielding numerous positive outcomes, including an increased awareness among the OFCs of better opportunities in national and international markets for establishing forestry businesses. As a result of the forest business roundtable, business intentions worth \$4.8 million were achieved, with the participation of companies from Colombia, Peru, Mexico, Argentina, and Bolivia, along with 11 OFCs from Guarayos. This activity was part of the National Pineapple Fair, co-sponsored by IBIF alongside the Municipal Government of Ascensión, WWF, PROFIN, Solidar Switzerland, and TBI.

- The Municipal Governments of El Puente, San Ignacio de Velasco, and San Miguel de Velasco, through their Risk Management Units (UGR) and Municipal Fire Departments, implemented planning, prevention, alert, and early response actions against forest fires. These efforts were based on their management instruments and coordinated with local communities, the private sector, and provincial institutions.

- Local communities have strengthened their capacities and are now part of the municipal collaborative network of Early Warning and Response Systems (SMAT), implementing fire prevention and contingency actions based on their community prevention plan (192,459 ha), directly benefiting 2,151 people.

- 46 communities in Chiquitania and Guarayos are protecting their territories from threats and inci-

dents of forest fires, having developed contingency actions that have reduced the impact of wildfires.

- In 2024, following the fires, we leveraged international and national donations exceeding €20,000 for community forest firefighters, allocated to safety equipment for community brigades.

- In 2024, we strengthened key actors in Bolivia's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), with a special focus on the forestry sector. We promoted regulatory changes to support forest conservation and worked with Indigenous communities to establish water recharge conservation areas. Additionally, the municipalities of Ascensión de Guarayos and Urubichá began creating Municipal Protected Areas to safeguard water resources (399,219 hectares) as part of climate change adaptation and mitigation initiatives.

- The Chiquitano Indigenous Women's Organization (ORMICH), through its active participation in the XI Pan-Amazonian Social Forum (FOSPA), achieved broad recognition and media promotion, securing significant funding to continue implementing the mandate of Chiquitano women within FOSPA and advancing their strategic agenda. This has strengthened both their internal and external cohesion.

- ORMICH secured two major funding sources in alliance with civil society organizations and its affiliates, enabling the implementation of priority actions in its strategic agenda, thus expanding its influence and capacity for action in the Chiquitania region.

- Youth from Lomerío and Guarayos have strengthened their participation in the international network of our partner TBI ("Youth it or Lose it"), a space that has allowed them to interact with young people from Colombia and Suriname to share experiences and develop a joint regional work agenda.

- We provided technical and logistical support for the ETJ-RG to hold a regional meeting, where they restructured their organization and elected a new leadership team.

- The organization Jóvenes Unidos por el Medio Ambiente (JUMA) MONKOX Salinas from Lomerío has gained recognition and has been acknowledged for taking on leadership roles at the communal and territorial levels.

- 15 young members of JUMA Monkox Salinas secured funding to continue developing 15 agroecological gardens, incorporating water harvesting in this second phase to ensure irrigation for their crops.

- Four young people (both women and men) from the territories of Lomerío and Guarayos successfully integrated Indigenous youth perspectives into the national youth declaration and agenda on climate

change.

- In 2024, we continued the development of the Monkox identity brand, led by CICOL, OMIML, and five local productive organizations from Lomerío. Lomerío now has an approved Monkox brand manual, with a promotional strategy set to be developed and implemented in 2025.

- We provided technical and administrative support to secure seed funding for women-led productive organizations such as Copaibo-SIMBAO and CEMIG Regional in Guarayos. In total, eight projects have been executed and managed by local organizations, with over 220,000 Bs financed by Fundación Socioambiental Semilla.

- Youth from the territories of Lomerío and Guarayos joined the National Network of Leading Youth Climate Organizations (ROC) during the LCOY 2024 meeting.

- The productive organization SIMBAO, from the community of Palmira in the Lomerío territory, obtained financial support to strengthen its production capacity in processing copaiba oil and water.

- 25 Indigenous women from four communities in the Guarayos TCO (Momene, Yaguarú, Urubichá, and Ascensión) produced vegetables for the first time in agroecological gardens, developing new skills and knowledge to improve their diet and household income.

- In Lomerío, we conducted follow-ups on the garden project, providing specialized assistance in garden management and pest prevention to 45 agroecological producers from three communities (Palmira, Coloradillo, and San Lorenzo). These producers are implementing improved agroecological practices, such as drip irrigation and biological pest control.

- 40 women from the Indigenous Women's Organization of San Ignacio de Velasco (OMICH-SIV) strengthened their knowledge of marketing their agroecological products.

- In 2024, we restored approximately 22.22 hectares in 10 communities, benefiting 51 families with 3,600 seedlings of orange, tangerine, lemon, grapefruit, cherimoya, and pineapple.

- Through the BOS+ project, we restored highland forest, pampa-monte, and agricultural production areas, benefiting 359 families across 29 communities in 42 interventions (some com-

munities received continuous support). The total restored area reached 170.20 hectares, with the planting of 30,525 seedlings. We carried out passive restoration in water recharge areas and water sources in four communities (Puquio, San Lorenzo, Palmira, and Salinas), benefiting 351 families across a surface area of 1,181.98 hectares.

- We supported the update of COINFO's regulations, which strengthened its governance and enabled its re-establishment under the new name AFOPROVE (Asociación Forestal Provincial Velasco).

- A communication strategy for wildfire prevention in Lomerío has been developed, including dissemination materials such as brochures, audio recordings, and videos. This initiative is implemented annually before the dry season to build capacity and raise awareness among the population.

- A training plan for territorial monitors in Lomerío has been established. Monitoring activities have expanded to include forest monitoring using the SBCBI certification tool, in addition to tracking fire hotspots and deforestation.

- In 2024, wildfires in Lomerío were reduced to just over 6,000 hectares. This data indicates that fire prevention efforts are effective, supported by the timely actions of the fire hotspot monitoring center and territorial monitors.

- In 2024, IBIF developed an institutional strategic plan that sets out clear goals, objectives, and strategies to guide the institution's decisions and actions through 2029. This plan integrates territorial and forest management, natural resource management, biodiversity conservation, and a cross-cutting focus on gender and youth inclusion.



## **Human Resources**

During the 2024 administration, the following IBIF members served on the Board of Directors:

Sr. Victor Yucra (Presidente)

Sr. Preston Pattie (Vicepresidente)

Sr. Anacleto Peña (Vocal)

Sra. Marielos Peña Claros (Vocal)

Sra. Charlotte Benneker (Vocal)

The organization's permanent staff in the 2024 administration consisted of:

Nataly Ascarrunz – Directora Ejecutiva

Patricia Cortez – Directora Administrativa Financiera

Ma. del Rosario Orozco – Contadora

Juan Pablo Baldiviezo – Director de Programa

Juan Carlos Licona – Director de Programa

Marlene Soriano – Directora de Programa

Karen Mendoza – Directora de Programa

Miguel Manchego.– Director de Comunicación

Laurenz Romero - Coordinador de Proyecto

Olda Lidia Cabrera - Coordinadora de Proyecto

Pura Suarez - - Coordinadora de Proyecto

Lucy Cuellar M. - Responsable Técnica

Vicente Candaguira M. – Asistente Administrativo



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