

# Natural Infrastructure for Water Security



**MANAGING WATER  
RISKS THROUGH  
NATURE IN PERU**

**Natural Infrastructure  
for Water Security** works to  
scale-up the conservation, restoration,  
and sustainable use of ecosystems and  
indigenous technologies in order to  
reduce water risks such as drought,  
floods, and water pollution.

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Our Vision



**Project implementation is scaled-up**  
The activity will start by mobilizing funds that have already been committed for natural infrastructure but have stalled before implementation, thereby increasing the value of annual investments from less than USD \$1M/yr to more than USD \$14M/yr.



**Critical mass of capacity to manage effective, sustainable, and gender-equitable natural infrastructure investments**  
More than 1000 project developers and evaluators will have improved capacity to design, measure, and manage natural infrastructure projects and portfolios.



**Collaborative Cross-Sector Work**  
Shared vision and roadmap for natural infrastructure integrated in planning and management instruments, which will be based on performance and integrated at a national and watershed scale.



**Financial support for natural infrastructure is broadened**  
The activity will engage new payers and financial investors by making the business case for natural infrastructure and by implementing innovative financing mechanisms. This broadened support will increase the overall amount of financial resources available for natural infrastructure implementation at all stages of the project cycle, from project design to monitoring and evaluation.

Data



**Project Duration:** December 2017 - June 2023



- Priority Water Watershed:**

  - > Chira - Piura
  - > Chillón - Rimac - Lurín - Alto Mantaro
  - > Mayo
- > Quilca - Chili
  - > Tambo - Moquegua
  - > Vilcanota - Urubamba



**Funding:** \$27.5 million



- Implementer Consortium:**

  - > Forest Trends (prime)
  - > CONDESAN
  - > SPDA
- > EcoDecisión
  - > Imperial College London



**Advisory Board:**  
The NIWS Advisory Board is composed of the project's government counterparts, including the Ministry of Environment, the Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations, the National Water Authority, and the National Superintendent of Sanitation Services. USAID and Canada also sit on the Board, and Forest Trends serves as technical secretariat. The Advisory Board serves as a space for interinstitutional coordination, contributing to the construction of a common, cross-sectoral vision for natural infrastructure in Peru.

- > MINAM Chairmanship
- > MINAM
- > MINAGRI
- > MVCS
- > MIMP

- > SUNASS
- > ANA
- > USAID
- > Canada
- > Forest Trends Technical Secretariat

Our Approach



**Improve the Enabling Environment for Natural Infrastructure Adoption**  
We seek to increase political and public awareness on the effectiveness of natural infrastructure to ensure water supply and increase resilience, and the need for investments in natural infrastructure, implementing specific actions to close gender gaps and promote participation of women in water and natural infrastructure decisions. This implies facilitating the construction of a high - level roadmap for conservation and sustainable utilization of natural infrastructure in Peru and foster its incorporation into the Peruvian Government Planning instruments.



**Information Management for Decision-Making on Natural Infrastructure Improved**  
We work to generate social, water, and economic information for natural infrastructure decision making, favoring its exchange, dissemination, and application in the planning and management processes.



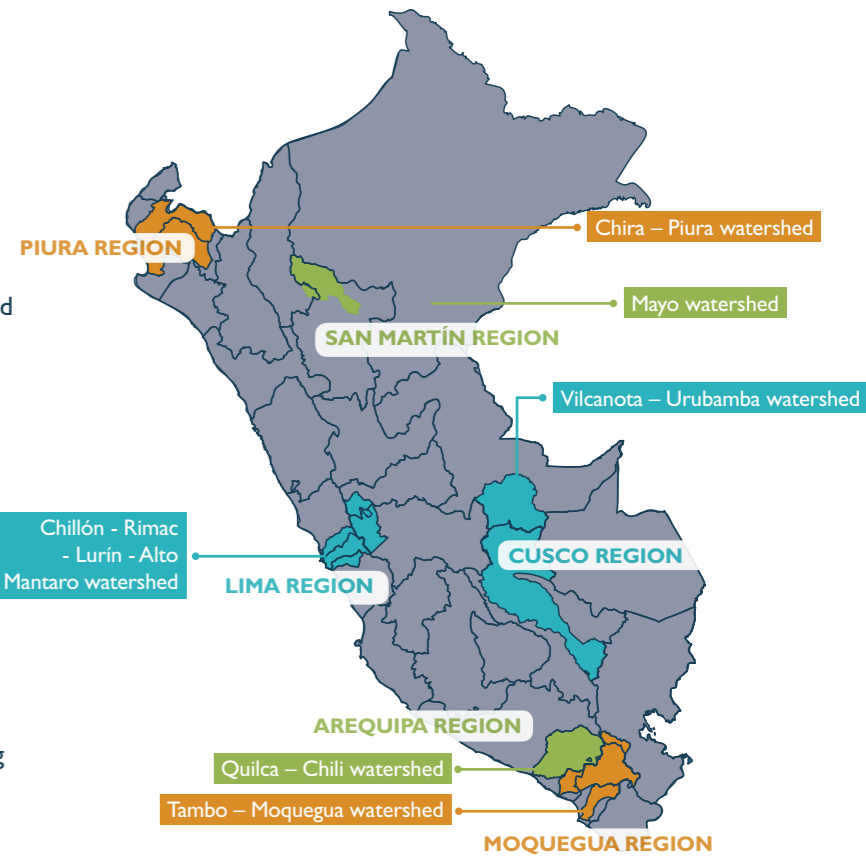
**Natural Infrastructure Projects Designed, Financed, and Implemented**  
We seek to design project portfolios by mobilizing various mechanisms and incentives (public and private) for investments in natural infrastructure. With this, we aim to improve the generation of evidence on water and socioeconomic impacts of the natural infrastructure.



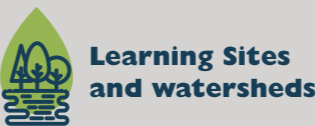
Project Scope

While the Project aims to scale-up natural infrastructure investment throughout Peru, we focus our efforts on 6 priority watershed regions: Chira-Piura (Piura region), Chillon-Rimac-Lurin-Alto Mantaro (Lima region), Quilca-Chili (Arequipa region), Vilcanota-Urubamba (Cusco region), Tambo-Ilo-Moquegua (Moquegua, Arequipa, and Puno regions), and Mayo (San Martin region).

**Image: Prioritized watershed of the Project**  
Outside the priority watershed, the Project supports progress of investments in natural infrastructure through training, dissemination of tools, guidelines; channeling support through the Natural Infrastructure Investments Incubator.



Work at the watershed scale includes the development of learning sites, where the project and our partners will generate models, evidence, and learning to inform the scaling and design of natural infrastructure at watershed and national scales. Key partners at these levels include watershed councils, regional governments, local NGOs, and community organizations and local governments.



Samanga (Chira - Piura)



- > Conservation of native and secondary forests, including cloud forests
- > Reforestation



- > Water yield
- > Water regulations
- > Erosion control

Chalhuanca (Quilca - Chili)

- > Restoration and sustainable management of wetlands
- > Wetland expansion
- > Creation of marshes

- > Water regulations
- > Erosion control

Piuray (Vilcanota - Urubamba)

- > Afforestation with native species
- > Infiltration trench construction

- > Water regulations
- > Erosion control

Huamantanga (Chillón - Rimac - Lurín - Alto Mantaro)

- > Restoration of ancestral recharge channels
- > Restoration of the Andean highlands

- > Water regulations