



2025

Annual Report

“Community-led
Conservation in the
Pacific Forest of Ecuador”



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Letter To Our Supporters

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As I reflect on 2025, I do so with deep gratitude and renewed optimism for the road ahead. This past year marked an important step forward in TMA's long-term effort to conserve one of the most biodiverse and threatened ecosystems on Earth, while ensuring that the people who call it home can thrive alongside it.

In 2025, your support helped us expand protected forests, strengthen community-led restoration, and deepen the partnerships that make conservation durable and meaningful. These achievements are part of a larger, long-term vision that TMA has been building toward for nearly two decades: the creation of the 100,000-acre Capuchin Corridor, conserved and managed together with local communities through our Community Forests Program.

Through years of on-the-ground experience, we have learned that lasting conservation cannot succeed by protecting land alone. Deforestation is driven by underlying challenges—limited economic opportunity, lack of access to education, and few viable paths for families to build stable and dignified livelihoods. Our work is designed to address these realities directly.

TMA's holistic conservation model aligns environmental protection with opportunity. When communities are empowered to lead conservation efforts—and benefit from them through meaningful work, income, education, and improved living conditions—protecting forests becomes a shared and enduring choice. This alignment of incentives is what makes our model truly effective and resilient.

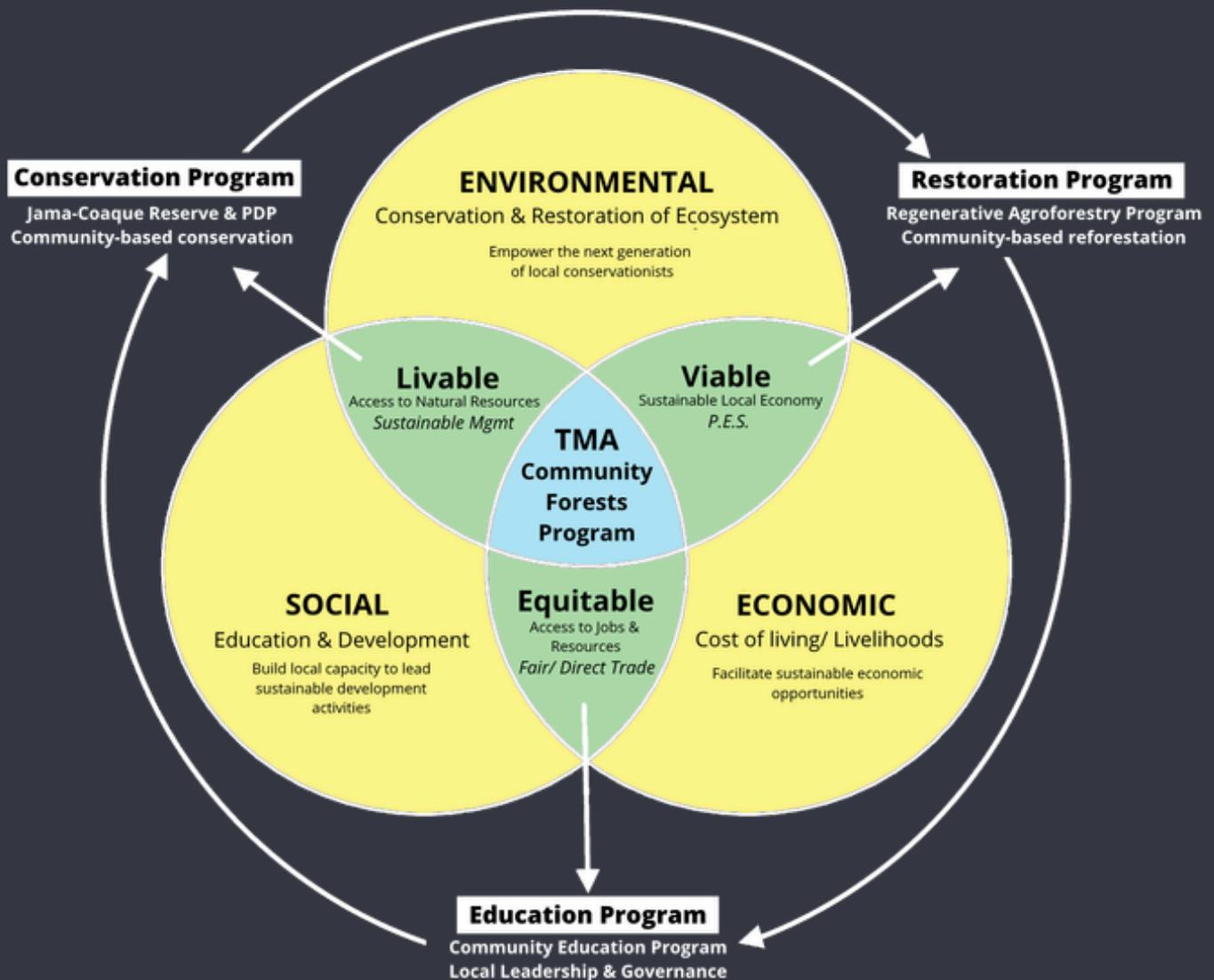
We are not only safeguarding threatened forests and biodiversity; we are building systems in which conservation strengthens local economies, supports community leadership, and creates long-term stewards of the land. Time and again, we have seen that when people are given the tools and opportunity to improve their lives while protecting nature, they choose to do both. After 18 years of work in coastal Ecuador, we are more confident than ever that this approach represents the future of conservation.

None of this work is possible without you. Your continued generosity fuels the protection of critical forests, supports community leadership, and advances a conservation model with the power to last. As we look to the years ahead, we invite you to remain an active partner in building the Capuchin Corridor and shaping the future of conservation.

With gratitude,
Ryan L. Lynch
Executive Director

Mission & Values

TMA believes that conservation of the world's most biodiverse and threatened ecosystems must be carried out within a holistic framework that addresses the underlying socioeconomic drivers of deforestation and is deeply rooted in local knowledge and leadership. Our overarching objective is to build a durable, locally-led model for ecosystem protection, management, and community wellbeing. Where our social and environmental goals meet, communities become livable, with secure access to clean water, healthy soils, and sustainably managed resources. Where our environmental and economic aims converge, landscapes are viable, generating income precisely because ecosystems stay healthy. Where our social and economic priorities overlap, outcomes are equitable, with fair access to jobs, markets, and resources.



Impact That Matters

Over the past 18 years, TMA has gained deep, place-based experience in designing and implementing conservation solutions that work for both ecosystems and the communities who depend on them. Through long-term local partnerships, TMA has demonstrated leadership in translating science into practice, integrating biodiversity conservation with sustainable livelihoods, and remaining consistently present beyond short project cycles. This sustained engagement has allowed TMA to innovate—developing community-led agroforestry models, local training systems, and market connections that adapt over time and respond to real conditions on the ground. With demonstrated ecological and socioeconomic results and strong support from communities and partners alike, TMA has proven its model and is prepared to continue to expand its impact at scale over the years ahead.

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13,672 acres

Under management

2

650 acres

Restored/ reforested

3

110,250 tons

Annual carbon benefit

4

850 individuals

Directly benefitting

5

100+ endangered species

Protected from extinction

6

9 communities

Directly involved and leading field activities



Conservation Program

TMA's Conservation Program seeks to protect all remaining forest along the coastal mountain range of the Capuchin Corridor (~35,000 acres) through strategic land purchases and the granting of conservation easements to local landowners. The program's design takes a two-pronged approach that pairs TMA's expert conservation and land management experience with the knowledge and leadership of local residents and communities. It's a hybrid approach to conservation that avoids the inefficiencies and risks of top-down models (i.e. fortress conservation) by directly integrating local communities in the conservation process and accounting for their specific needs and desires.

Key Objectives



Protect the remaining forest along the coastal mountain range (Jama-Pedernales)



Protect populations of threatened flora and fauna in the Pacific Forest of Ecuador



Measureable Impact

Over the past two years, TMA's Conservation Program has evolved from a single-reserve focus to a bioregional approach encompassing two protected areas across more than 100,000 acres within the Capuchin Corridor. In 2025, we expanded the Jama-Coaque Reserve by 165 acres through the acquisition of three neighboring properties, bringing the reserve to approximately 3,000 acres, while simultaneously advancing a multi-year process to assume administration of the 10,700-acre Cerro Pata de Pájaro Protected Forest. Together, these two areas (totaling 13,672 acres under TMA management) form the ecological backbone of the Capuchin Corridor. With this foundation in place and a clear pathway to shared management through our Community Forests Program, the coming years present a unique opportunity to demonstrate a more collaborative, community-driven model for conserving tropical forests and their biodiversity.

Key Results



165 acres purchased in 2025



2 protected areas under management



13,672 total acres managed

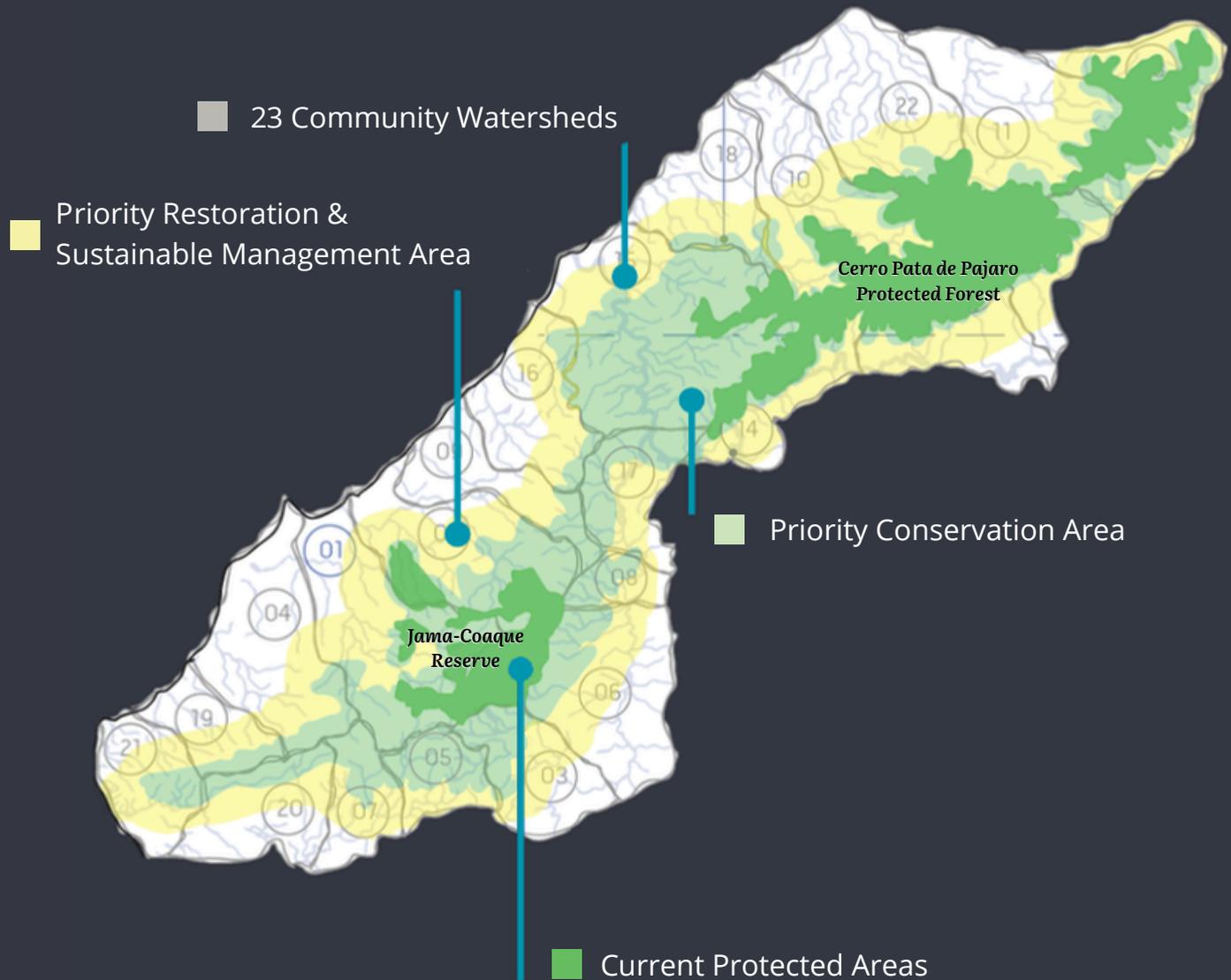


102+ endangered species protected



Capuchin Corridor

A bioregional approach to protect and connect key forests remnants for the wellbeing of local communities and biodiversity



Project Overview

Launched in 2021, the Capuchin Corridor advances our bioregional vision by protecting and connecting the Jama-Coaque Reserve with the Cerro Pata de Pájaro Protected Forest. Named in honor of the critically endangered Ecuadorian Capuchin monkey endemic to the region, the goal is to create a contiguous 35,000 acre rainforest preserve spanning 27 miles along the coastal mountain range at the equator. Immediately adjacent to the core protected area is a community-owned sustainable use bufferzone, where degraded farmland is restored by local landowners using regenerative agroforestry.

Land Purchases

TMA's Conservation Program is guided by a bold, long-term vision: to protect all remaining forest along the coastal mountain range of the Capuchin Corridor—approximately 35,000 acres—through strategic land purchases and permanent conservation easements with local landowners. Over the past 18 years, this vision has been translated into action through the acquisition of more than 30 individual properties, forming the foundation of the 3,000-acre Jama-Coaque Reserve.

Our land purchase efforts entered a decisive new phase five years ago, driven by the growing urgency to safeguard what remains of this globally threatened ecosystem. Since 2020, TMA has expanded the Jama-Coaque Reserve by 1,426 acres—more than doubling its size in just five years and achieving a compound annual growth rate of 104%. This rapid progress has been made possible by the extraordinary commitment of our foundational partners and the Capuchin Collective, a dedicated network of supporters who believe in scaling conservation at the pace the forest demands.

Looking ahead, we are poised to build on this momentum. Over the next five years, TMA aims to replicate this rate of growth and expand the Jama-Coaque Reserve to 8,500 acres—securing a continuous, resilient forest landscape that will protect biodiversity, water sources, and local livelihoods for generations to come.





The Capuchin
Corridor protects
more endangered
birds than any other
protected area in
Ecuador.





TMA protects the
last remaining wild
population of
Haught's Orchid
Tree



*“The Capuchin Corridor
represents our best
chance to save the
critically endangered
Ecuadorian Capuchin”*



Photo: Núria Hannaoui

Agroforestry Program

Immediately adjacent to the high-elevation protected area across the core of the corridor is TMA's Reforestation Program. The reforestation program aims to create a buffer zone and sustainable use area by implementing assisted natural regeneration and regenerative agroforestry with local communities. The program's design seeks to provide the dual benefit of sustainable economic opportunities for local landowners and forest restoration for biodiversity. By fostering a culture in which local communities recognize both the practical and intrinsic benefits of forest stewardship, the program aims to improve and maintain economic and environmental stability in the region.

Key Objectives



Restore degraded farmland adjacent to protected areas through assisted natural regeneration and regenerative agroforestry



Support the development and growth of sustainable economic opportunities for local farmers



Measureable Impact

TMA's Regenerative Agroforestry Program now supports 124 families across 323 acres in 9 communities within Ecuador's Capuchin Corridor. In its first full year operating the post-harvest facility, annual cacao purchases grew from 878 pounds in 2024 to 23,873 pounds in 2025—a 2,619% increase—with 97% of production occurring in the second half of the year and further growth expected in 2026. All cacao was successfully sold to a premium buyer, covering purchase and labor costs and generating a 10% administrative margin. The program also established five new demonstration sites in two additional communities, added 18 new producers, and saw a modest increase in female participation to 38%, underscoring both progress and ongoing challenges in gender equity.

Key Results



124 participating families



9 local communities



325 acres restored



23,873 pounds of cacao sold



\$41,136 in farmer income

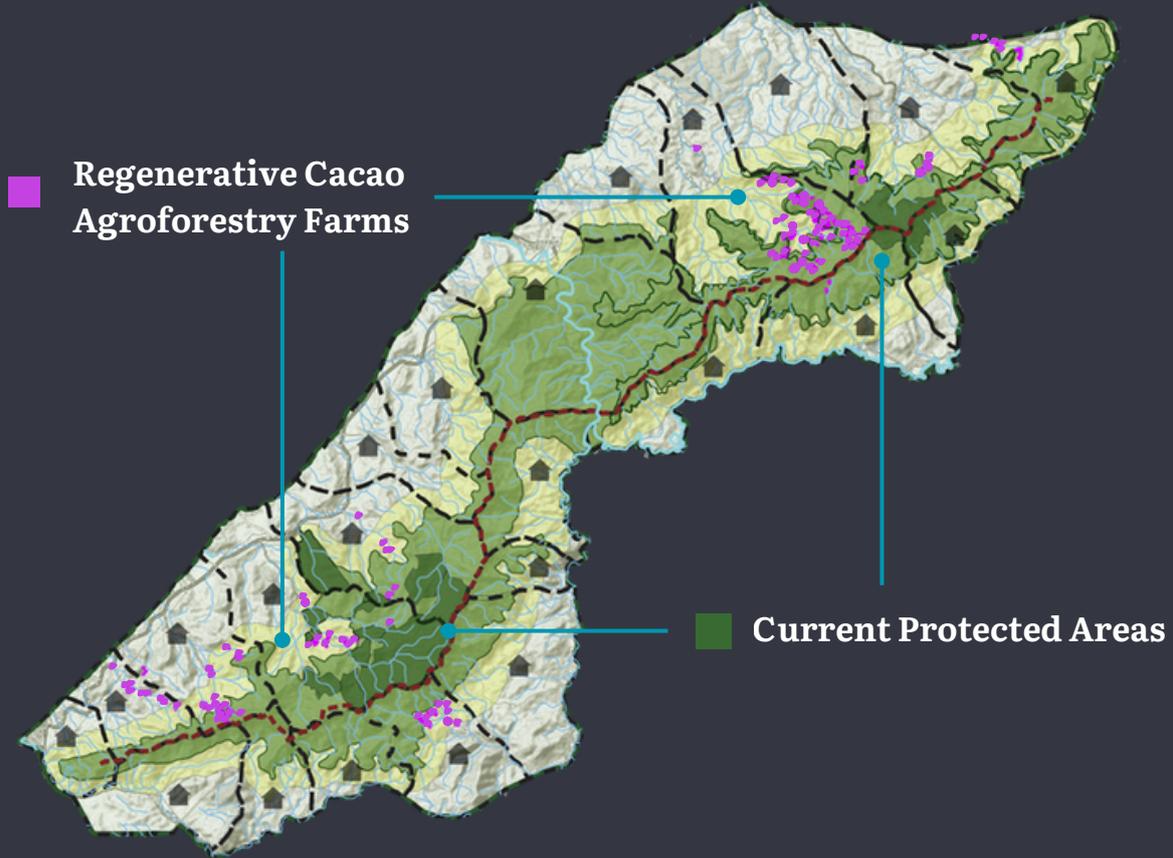


38% female farmers



Scaling-up Our Impact

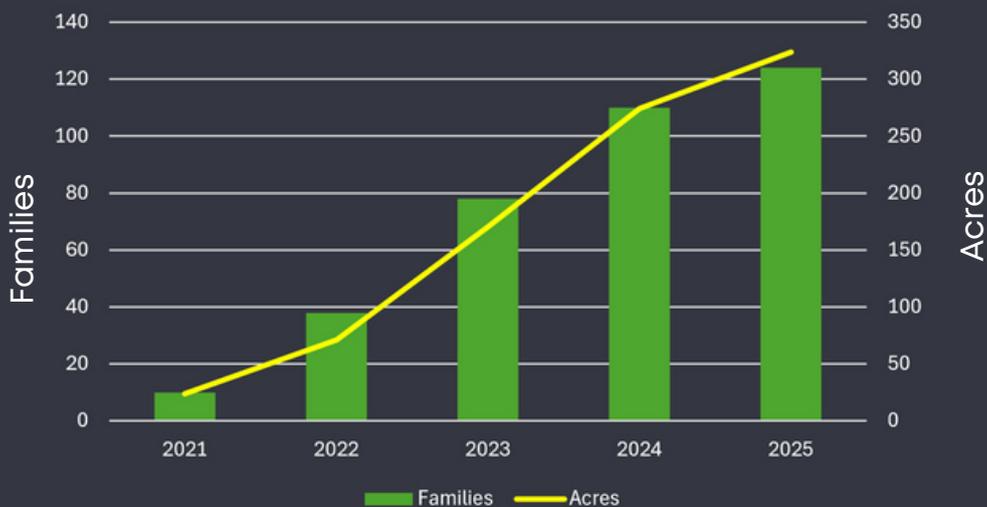
What began in 2021 as a small pilot with 10 families restoring 24 acres has grown into a movement—by 2025, 124 families are actively restoring 323 acres of degraded land across the Capuchin Corridor, and the momentum continues to accelerate.



Compound Annual Growth Rate

Increased financial support has driven significant compound annual growth in the number of families participating in the Regenerative Agroforestry Program and in the total acres restored across the Capuchin Corridor.

Participating Families: 65.5% CAGR
Acres Restored: 68.3% CAGR





23,873 lbs of cacao
was sold in 2025,
generating **\$41,136** in
farmer income.





325 acres of degraded farmland have been restored by **124** local families

2020



2025

“What began as a restoration project is now a farmer-led cacao economy that’s improving lives and landscapes”



Community Program

The Education Program was created as a direct response to the specific challenges impacting the well-being, social cohesion, and natural environment of communities within the Pacific Forest of Ecuador. Its primary objective is to strengthen local capacities so that communities themselves can manage resources, protect the forest, and generate sustainable opportunities. The program's design recognizes that there is no sustainable community development without quality, locally-relevant education. Education is our transversal axis: ensuring that children and youth grow up with the tools they need to make informed decisions, solve problems, and lead collective processes that benefit both their communities and the surrounding environment. Forming local leaders from a young age is key to preventing new generations from falling into cycles of poverty, forced migration, recruitment by criminal networks, or dependence on the unsustainable exploitation of their natural resources.

Key Objectives



Provide environmental education and leadership opportunities to local youth



Foster community empowerment and strengthen local systems of governance



Support the development and growth of sustainable livelihoods



Measureable Impact

In 2025, Education Program reached unprecedented levels of participation and local leadership, now engaging over 80% of the community's children and youth through weekly conservation, ecology, art, and leadership classes. A four-month training process enabled two local women to independently lead youth sessions, strengthening long-term sustainability and community ownership, while a 12-member Youth Leadership Program drove clean-ups, small fundraising efforts, and community activities. Youth also led the participatory design of the second phase of the Camarones Education Center—set for construction in summer 2026—and several participants expanded their impact through UNICEF's Ecosystems Program, teaching in neighboring communities and advocating nationally. With 100% school attendance, zero teenage pregnancies, and youth preparing for university, these outcomes reflect a powerful generational shift toward education, leadership, and community resilience.

Key Results



80% youth participation



45 educational sessions delivered



100% school attendance



2 local teachers trained



1 education center built



Community Forests Program

A scalable community-led model for the long-term protection and restoration of the Capuchin Corridor

Project Overview & Timeline

After 18 years of on-the-ground experience in the region, with a proven track record in forest conservation, regenerative agroforestry and community empowerment initiatives, TMA has launched the Community Forests Program. It brings conservation, livelihoods, and local governance into a single integrated framework that is led by communities and powered by financial incentives. Phase I of the program aims to pilot the program in six communities, validate and improve the approach, and then expand it across the Capuchin Corridor's 23 major watersheds. This model puts the tools, authority, and incentives in the hands of local communities to lead the protection and restoration of 100,000 acres of land in the heart of the Pacific Forest of Ecuador.





80% of all youth in
Camarones now
participate in TMA
education and
leadership
programs





100% school attendance due to TMA's academic transportation service.



“What began as extracurricular classes has become a community-led education system shaping the next generation of leaders”



2025 Financials

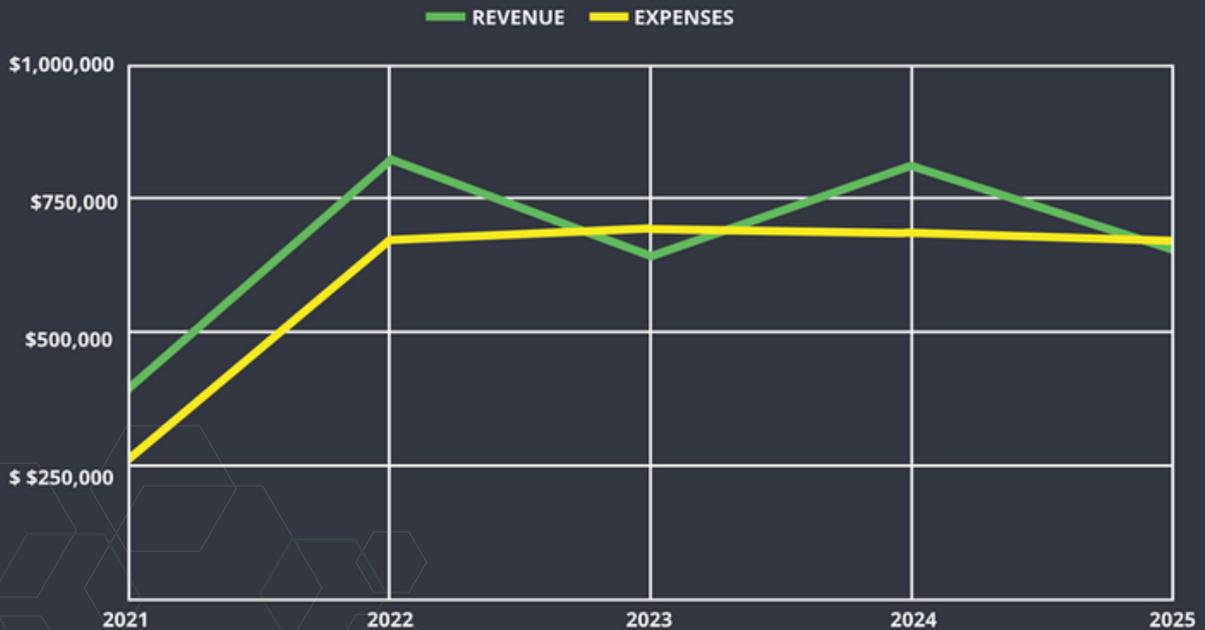
Revenue

Category	\$ USD
Donations	\$348,232
Grants	\$306,825
Interest	\$710
Total in 2025	\$655,767

Expenses

Category	\$ USD
Grants to TMA Ecuador (<i>Field Expenses</i>)	\$455,000
Program Expenses	\$41,365
Payroll	\$150,459
Office	\$24,909
Total in 2025	\$671,733

Past 5 Years



Our Success Depends On Your Generosity



Every success in these pages exists because someone chose to care and act. The forests we protect, the livelihoods we strengthen, and the future we help secure are all made possible by your generosity. As TMA expands its conservation efforts across the Capuchin Corridor, your support ensures this progress does not slow, but accelerates.

Join us in protecting the Pacific Forest and building an enduring ecological legacy. Your contribution, whether through a tax-deductible gift, stocks, cryptocurrencies, or donor-advised funds, translates directly into measureable impact on the ground.

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