

LA PITANGA

WEYERHAEUSER'S CARBON
SEQUESTRATION PROJECT

Committed to climate change mitigation
and sustainable development



Project description

The forest sector of Uruguay has a significant role in the socio-economic development of the country, especially its interior regions. Weyerhaeuser is committed to sustainable forest production and its operations in Uruguay are designed not only in accordance to legal environmental regulations in the country, but also to Weyerhaeuser's highest operational and environmental corporate requirements in its commitment to preserve soil, water and air quality, as well as community well-being.

"Weyerhaeuser Uruguay Forest Plantation on Degraded Grassland under Extensive Grazing" is not the exemption. The project started in February 22nd 2006, when first activities of GHG emission removals (preparing land for planting) were implemented. The project comprises a total of 18,191 ha of land in Uruguay previously under extensive grazing by beef cattle, converted into forest plantations for value added, long-lived timber products and for sequestering carbon dioxide from the atmosphere in different pools, reverting the existing soil degradation process that has been occurring for several years. It will remove a total amount of 5,652,922 tCO₂ in a period of 100 years or an average of 56,529 tCO₂ per year.

Social benefits

- Promotion of small business Weyerhaeuser Uruguay project activity generates several job opportunities, creating nearly 260 job positions during the agrarian phase. There are also approximately 70 local farmers that their business benefit from grazing beef cattle in the project's farms.
- Reduction of rural poverty and geographic decentralization of development Weyerhaeuser Uruguay project activity also contributes to the reduction of rural poverty through the generation of high quality and stable employment, and reverting the process of rural migration to big cities in a region of Uruguay with elevated levels of poverty.
- Rural schools are also benefited from Weyerhaeuser's commitment to education. The company has assisted with materials and human resources to several primary schools



Environmental benefits

•The project includes important ecosystems such as Sierra de Rios, Rio Yaguaron and Arroyo Tacuari, very high biological wealth measured through birds' assessment and monitoring, and rare or not common species included in the international lists for conservation (IUCN, International Union for Conservation of Nature).

Within the rare or not common species there are vulnerable species or with high risk of extinction in wild environment, near threatened or of high priority for conservation, endangered or highly risk of extinction.

Technical Data

- Registry VCS
- Project ID 960
- Project Proponent Weyerhaeuser Uruguay
- Project Status Registered - Public
- Sectoral Scope 14. Agriculture, Forestry, Land Use
- Project Methodology AR-ACM0001
- GHG Origination Program Verified Carbon Standard
- Project Validator Rainforest Alliance, Inc.
- Registry Markit
- Estimated Annual VCUs 56,019
- Estimated VCUs in 2013: 3 M tCO₂



Azulito

Bicolor

Viudita blanca

Picumnus