

REDDY?

Opportunities and Challenges of REDD+ Implementation in Yaigojé Apaporis Indigenous Reserve and National Park, Colombia

Case of Yaigojé Apaporis

- 3rd largest park in Colombia
- Home to 7 indigenous groups and 22 communities
- First protected area with a management plan rooted within traditional indigenous knowledge:
 - Colombia Decree 632 (2018) seeks to establish **Indigenous Local Governments (ILGs)** to enable the management of the Amazon rainforest by indigenous communities
- More attention is given to community-led ecosystem management worldwide

Main Threats
Oil extraction, road
building, gold
mining



Land
area covered by
forest in Colombia
(2000)



Land
area covered by
forest in Colombia
(2016)

What is REDD+ ?



Industrialized countries
pay to reduce
deforestation and forest
degradation



Development and
implementation of national
strategies, action plans &
policies

... is a (UNFCCC) framework for **Reducing
Emissions from Deforestation and Forest
Degradation**

... Including sustainable forest management
and forest conservation
(in countries of the Global South)



| Opportunities | Challenges |
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| Improves monitoring of forest cover changes and land use compliance that takes place | Develops forest carbon into a multi-billion-dollar industry which results in new incentives for claims over forest lands |
| Enforces REDD+ conditions nationally and protects against mining-induced deforestation | REDD+ is paid to nation states = Difficulties in reaching local communities |
| Assist in promoting sustainable forest management practices while supporting rural livelihoods (in this case study) | Global imposing of Western narratives: German model of forestry management & US model of nature conservation |
| Global climate finance promotes distributive justice by addressing (past) carbon emission responsibilities | Effectiveness of REDD+ in achieving a reduction of deforestation has not been proved |
| → Raises international attention to climate change and deforestation | → Greenwashing? Neocolonialism? Neoliberalization of nature |