

CT-AF-008 — Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES)

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Description

Covers incentive-based conservation mechanisms that compensate landowners and communities for maintaining ecosystem services such as water regulation, carbon sequestration, and biodiversity habitat. PES is a cornerstone of Colombia's AFOLU climate strategy, linking conservation outcomes to measurable financial flows.

Colombia Context

Colombia's Ley 2169 (2021) Art. 14 establishes the national framework for Pagos por Servicios Ambientales (PSA), mandating the scaling of PES schemes across priority watersheds and high-biodiversity territories. The TVC classifies PSA under the conservation sector with criteria linked to measurable hydrological, carbon, or biodiversity outcomes. MinAmbiente's Programa Nacional de PSA currently operates in 28 departments, with highest concentration in Andean watersheds supplying major cities (Bogota, Medellin, Cali). The NDC 2030 relies on PES expansion to achieve conservation targets in buffer zones around national parks and indigenous territories. SISCLIMA tracks PES disbursements and ecosystem outcomes as part of Colombia's climate finance monitoring.

EUDR Relevance

This node has no direct EUDR commodity relevance.

CTH Data Coverage

One CLP cohort startup is developing satellite-based PES verification technology to automate the monitoring of conservation outcomes in PES contracts. This addresses the key scaling bottleneck — manual verification — that limits PES expansion in Colombia and across LATAM.

Green Finance Alignment

Fully aligned with TVC conservation criteria for PSA. CBI eligibility under Forestry and Land Use criteria when PES contracts are linked to measurable, verified outcomes (carbon, water, biodiversity). CPI tracks under AFOLU conservation. Strong alignment with Colombia's sovereign green bond framework and multilateral climate fund disbursement channels (GCF, GEF).

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