

MADIDI NATIONAL PARK

BOLIVIA, SOUTH AMERICA



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MADIDI NATIONAL PARK - WHERE THE ANDES AND THE AMAZON MEET

The Madidi Protected Area comprises both a National Park and a Natural Area for Integrated Management, spanning some 18,958 km² along an almost 6,000 m altitudinal range in the Northwestern Bolivian Andes. It is immersed in a landscape of high ecological integrity of more than 50,000 km².

Recent expeditions through its diverse ecosystems confirmed the presence of more than 1,800 vertebrates, 1,800 butterfly subspecies, and 5,500 plant species within the protected area, making it a contender for the most biodiverse protected area on the planet.

The protected area of Madidi not only secures regionally and globally relevant ecosystem services but is home to more than 30 indigenous communities and overlaps with four legally recognized indigenous lands of critical cultural and ecological importance.

Conservation programs focus on strengthening the links between protected areas and land management units of local communities, indigenous territories and neighboring municipalities. Thereby, conservation priorities are incorporated into regional development plans, whilst also meeting the livelihood needs and aspirations of the local communities that have supported conservation efforts over the last quarter of a century.

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LEGACY LANDSCAPE DETAILS

Established

1995

Region

Northwest region of the Department of La Paz

IUCN Category

National Park (CAT. II and VI)

Project Size

18,958 km²
(12,715 km² Madidi National Park and
6,243 km² Madidi Natural Area of Integrated Management)

Population in and Adjacent to the Protected Area

19,000

Biome

Amazonian rainforests, montane cloud forests,
dry inter-Andean forests and more

Key Species

Andean condor, vicuña, Andean bear, jaguar, migratory cat fish

Conservation Relevance

Key Biodiversity Area

Managing Authority

National Protected Area Service of Bolivia
(Servicio Nacional de Áreas Protegidas)

NGO Partner

Wildlife Conservation Society

Funding Partner

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation



KEY THREATS

- Agricultural expansion as well as roads and hidroelectric dams
- Mining and oil exploitation
- Droughts and associated fire risk in grassland areas

KEY ACTIVITIES

- Improve management effectiveness of Madidi Protected areas
- Joint control and surveillance, enforcement and monitoring with neighboring protected areas and indigenous lands
- implement tourism and natural resource management activities to improve local livelihoods

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