

Althelia Climate Fund 1

Critical transitions:



Innovation:

Blended finance funds

Geographic focus:

Developing countries in South America, Africa and South-East Asia

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\$120 million⁶³



Launched in 2013, the Fund’s portfolio – now fully committed – comprises of real assets, including certified agroforestry produce and environmental assets such as carbon (sometimes used as collateral).⁶⁴ By investing in sustainable land-use practices, Althelia aims to mitigate the main drivers of deforestation and reduce carbon emissions for the land-use sector.

The Fund has helped avoid 101,300 hectares of deforestation, 41.8 million tonnes of CO₂, and protected 2 million hectares of critical habitat.⁶⁵ Its fully invested portfolio includes 10 projects, eight of which are still active, with investments ranging from \$7-13million. Projects are centred around (i) conservation and restoration (e.g. \$7 million investment into the Tambopata-Bahuaja Biodiversity Reserve project, which focuses on long-term restoration of the reserve’s buffer zone around the park by producing cacao); (ii) scaling sustainable agriculture (e.g. the Cooperativa Agraria Industrial Naranjillo Ltda., which focuses on the optimization and restructuring of the Cooperative’s cacao and coffee processing capacity); (iii) improving human livelihoods (e.g. PECSA’s sustainable cattle ranching model in Brazil).

Althelia has since been bought by Mirova - an asset manager dedicated to sustainable investing, part of Natixis Investment Managers - and renamed Mirova Natural Capital.

Stakeholders:

FMO; EIB; Church of Sweden; Finnfund; AXA; BNP; Credit Suisse; Conservation International

Status:

● Operational