



# ProBenefit – Aims, Activities and First Results



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## Aims

The goal of ProBenefit is to explore the conditions necessary for achieving a fair and transparent agreement on the sharing of benefits from the sustainable use of biodiversity in the Amazon lowland of Ecuador.

The project is subdivided into two phases: Only after successful negotiations of an agreement on ABS with all relevant stakeholders, the project will begin to carry out ethnobotanic and pharmaceutical studies in the project region.

## Activities

Since 2003, the project has carried out the following activities:

- Socio-political analysis and information campaign
- Analysis of the legal framework
- Exploration of indigenous requirements for participation
- Capacity-building for indigenous representatives
- Signature of an agreement of cooperation on process development with the regional organisation FONAKIN
- Exploration of the pharmaceutical company's process requirements

## Results

The transparent project approach has been welcomed by the Ecuadorian Government and Indigenous organisations.

Finding adequate structures for participation that reflect indigenous representation in the project area is a major challenge.

A necessary requirement for PIC is to fulfil the stakeholders' extensive need for information on ABS.

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