



## **ProBenefit**

### **Side-event: Lessons learned from an ABS project in Ecuador**

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## **ProBenefit**

**"PROcess-oriented development of a model for  
a fair BENEFIT-sharing for the use of biological resources  
in the Amazon lowland of Ecuador"**

### **Introduction and Project Overview**

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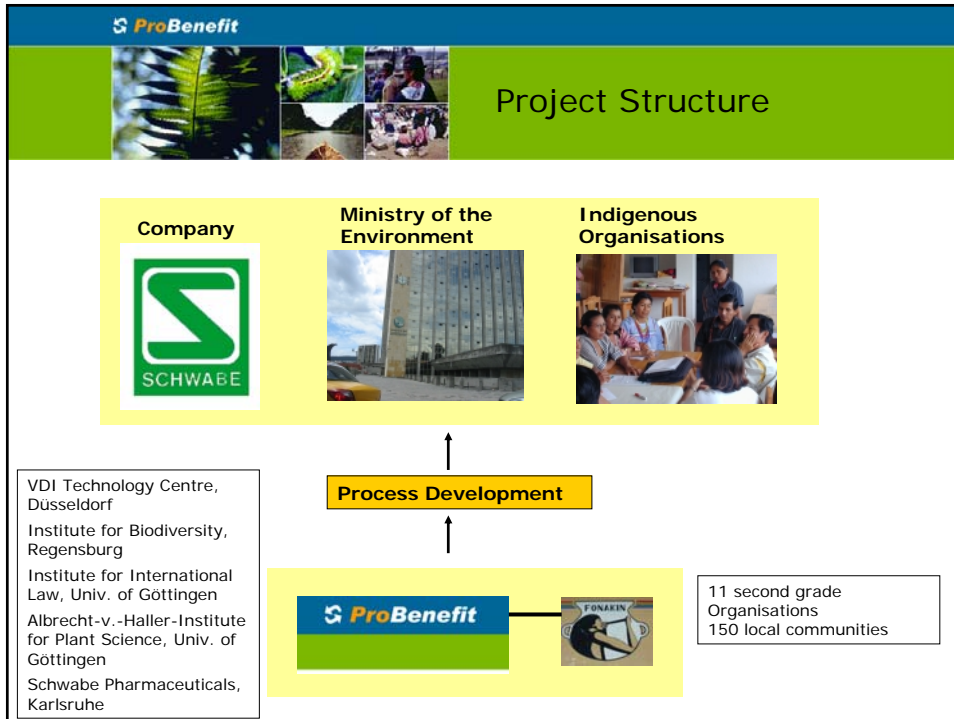
## Project Aims of ProBenefit

- Implement the ABS principles stated in the CBD.
- Develop transparent negotiation procedures with all relevant stakeholders.
- Plant screening only after ABS agreement has been reached.

Duration: 2003 – 2008

Phases: Phase 1: reach an agreement on ABS  
Phase 2: plant screening, extract testing

Funding: German Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF)



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## Project area of ProBenefit

### Biosphere reserve „Gran Sumaco“

- 68% primary forest
- 5 out of 7 Holdridge altitudinal zones
- Highly organised civil society
- People open minded towards medical plant projects
- Existence of a management plan and administrative council (CoRBS)
- Access and logistic comparably easy

The map shows Ecuador with its provinces and major cities. The Biosphere Reserve Gran Sumaco is highlighted in green in the eastern part of the country, near the border with Peru. The map includes a legend for international and provincial boundaries, national and provincial capitals, and roads. A scale bar indicates 0, 50, and 100 kilometers.

**Ecuador**

International boundary  
Provincial boundary  
National capital  
Provincial capital  
Road



## Activities and Results - Overview

Year	Project Milestones	Results
2003	Kick-off, First contacts with Ecuador	Contact with Ministry of Ecuador and Indigenous Organizations
2004	Socio-political analysis, Legal analysis, Workshop in project region	
2005	Agreement ProBenefit - FONAKIN	
2006	Capacity building and training in project region	
2007	Proposal of Working Group Project closure	



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Year	Project Milestones	Results
2003	Kick-off, First contacts with Ecuador	Contact with and information of >40 stakeholder organizations in Ecuador
2004	Socio-political analysis, Legal analysis, Workshop in project region	„Consulta previa“ as element of Ecuadorian draft proposal on ABS
2005	Agreement ProBenefit - FONAKIN	Strong indigenous criticism of current consulta practice
2006	Capacity building and training in project region	
2007	Proposal of Working Group Project closure	



## Analysis of socio-political conditions and stakeholders

### State Ecuador



### NGOs



### Research



### Indigenous Organisations



### Local Communities



- over 40 organisations in Ecuador were contacted
- with a few exceptions, the open and transparent character of the project is welcomed
- the great challenge: how can indigenous representation in the process be adequately ensured?



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2003	Kick-off, First contacts with Ecuador	Aim: establish an indigenous group of experts who work out an ind. proposal for the consultation process  Decision on training course
2004	Socio-political analysis, Legal analysis, Workshop in project region	
2005	Agreement ProBenefit - FONAKIN	
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2003	Kick-off, First contacts with Ecuador	6-module course for indigenous representatives from the project region
2004	Socio-political analysis, Legal analysis, Workshop in project region	Formation of a working group
2005	Agreement ProBenefit - FONAKIN	Phase of communication stand-still during 2nd half of 2006
2006	Capacity building and training in project region	
2007	Proposal of Working Group Project closure	



## Activities and Results - Overview

Year	Project Milestones	Results
2003	Kick-off, First contacts with Ecuador	No ABS contract to be reached within ProBenefit
2004	Socio-political analysis, Legal analysis, Workshop in project region	Start of evaluation and analysis
2005	Agreement ProBenefit - FONAKIN	
2006	Capacity building and training in project region	
2007	Proposal of Working Group Project closure	