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Pilot Project  
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**LONG-TERM GOAL**

To achieve socio-economic and ecological development through forest management activities for indigenous communities in Bolivia

**SHORT-TERM GOAL**

To propose a suitable indigenous communities' hierarchical structure to comply with the Bolivian FSC standards

## JUSTIFICATION

At present, of the 8.54 million hectares of forests under management, 8.4 % of the total has been granted to indigenous communities. This percentage is expected to grow since over 15 million hectares of the productive forests has been given to Bolivian indigenous peoples. The TCO (Indigenous Territory) Lomerio (53,000 ha) was the first FSC certified area in Bolivia (1996), but after 5 years it lost that quality due to the fragility of its internal structure regarding to forest certification responsibilities. Currently, the TCO Lomerio is seeking its re-certification.

## (Foreseen) OUTCOME

A 7-10-page document comprising a suitable hierarchical structure for indigenous communities (reliability, accountability, and so on) in relation to forest certification practices

## METHODOLOGY

Interviews to indigenous peoples  
On-site observation

Research mainly in the Forestry Superintendence's data base  
Meetings and coordination with the members of the Bolivian Working Group's Social Chamber (Consejo Boliviano para la Certificación Forestal Voluntaria –CFV)



## TIMEFRAME

May 31st – November 14th

