
Key Messages about Global Forest Generation and its first initiative, Acción Andina

Global Forest Generation is a US-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to sustaining critical yet neglected forest ecosystems across the world. GFG amplifies and scales local ecosystem restoration efforts by mentoring a new generation of leaders, uniting grassroots conservation partners across ecosystems, and providing otherwise inaccessible resources, tools, and technologies. GFG's first initiative, **Acción Andina**, is restoring forest ecosystems in the Andes of South America with its strategic partner, Peruvian conservation nonprofit, Asociación Ecosistemas Andinos (ECOAN). Acción Andina is a community-based initiative working to protect high-Andean forest ecosystems for water security and their invaluable benefits to nature and millions of people in the region.

Acción Andina is the first large-scale multinational initiative aimed at restoring high-altitude forests in six Andean countries in South America: **Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru**, with plans to expand to **Venezuela**. This region is a critical biodiversity hotspot, home to approximately 45,000 plant species and thousands of bird, reptile, and amphibian species.

Acción Andina addresses the effects of **deforestation, livestock grazing, and mining**, which have left less than 10% of the region's native forests intact.

Ensuring water security for both ecosystems and communities is at the heart of Acción Andina's mission. Degraded soils and declining water supplies have severely impacted local and Indigenous communities who depend on the land for their livelihoods, as well as millions of people across the continent. By planting native **Polylepis trees**, Acción Andina protects water resources and restores ecosystems. These unique trees capture and retain water in the soil and the mosses that grow on them.

Recently, **Acción Andina** was recognized as one of the [seven World Restoration Flagships](#) by the United Nations and was also named one of the winners of the [Earthshot Prize](#) from Prince William in 2023, in the "Protect and Restore Nature" category. **Building on this success, GFG plans to expand its community-led restoration model globally to revive the world's most neglected and critically endangered ecosystems.**

Key Performance Indicators*

- *Trees planted: 12.5+ million*
- *Implementing partners: 16*
- *Projects in six countries: 27*
- *Hectares restored to date: ~5,000*
- *Hectares under protection: ~12,000*
- *Hectares to be restored by 2045: 1,000,000*
- *Number of people actively restoring forests: 35,000–40,000*

* As of January 2026; figures are subject to change.

Links and videos

- [Salesforce documentary](#) (The Ecopreneurs)
- [Partner video](#) (An Ecosystem of Collaboration)
- [G20 Landscape Forum Video](#) (Inside Ecuador's High-Altitude Forests)
- Earthshot's [official announcement](#) of the prize
- [UN World Restoration](#) official announcement
- Acción Andina President, Tino Auccha Chutas, and his [2022 UN Champion of the Earth](#) award announcement
- [Global Forest Generation Annual Report](#)
- [Photo album](#)

Social Media

- Global Forest Generation Website: globalforestgeneration.org
- Acción Andina Website: accion-andina.org
- Instagram:
 - [Global Forest Generation](#)
 - [Acción Andina](#)
- Facebook:
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