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# Forest Protection

## April Salumei, Papua New Guinea, 1032

Papua New Guinea (PNG) is home to one of the last remaining unique and unspoiled pieces of nature. The country hosts our planet's third largest rainforest and is home to about 7% of the global biodiversity, as well as to a number of forest-dependent societies. Within this exceptional environment a climate protection project to avoid carbon emissions is being implemented. The project area of approximately 600,000 ha had been recommended for commercial logging, but traditional land owners fought against this resolution.

The native communities have a strong cultural relation with their environment and are determined to protect it. At the same time, they are striving for the development of basic facilities, such as improved health standards, education, transportation and employment opportunities.

The April Salumei Sustainable Forest Management project and subsequent carbon financing will allow the traditional owners to receive commercial benefits for preserving their forest. Federal authorities and 92% of the local population are supporting forest protection through the project.

### Contributions to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- » Goal 15 - Life on Land: Protection of a highly diverse virgin tropical rainforest as a habitat for numerous species
- » Goal 13 - Climate Action: Conservation of an important global carbon sink
- » Goal 3 - Good Health and Well-Being: Construction of community health centres to improve health care accessibility
- » Goal 4 - Quality Education: Improvement of literacy and general education of children and youth
- » Goals 1, 8 - No Poverty, Decent Work, Economic Growth: Development of small enterprises to generate alternative sources of income

**Verification:**

Environmental Services Inc.

**Type:**

VCS, CCBS Gold Level

**Annual Volume:**

1,032,650 tons CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalents

**Further Information:**

[www.climate-project.com/1032](http://www.climate-project.com/1032)

**The project is situated in Papua New Guinea, which is located north of Australia. As being part of a South Sea Island, PNG is especially threatened by climate change due to the risk of being flooded.**

