

UK Blue Carbon Fund



The Fund promotes the sustainable management, conservation and restoration of mangrove ecosystems in Latin America and the Caribbean. It aims to accelerate the development of blue economy by catalysing and mobilising strategic public and private sector investments in the blue carbon sector and closely linked thematic areas such as:

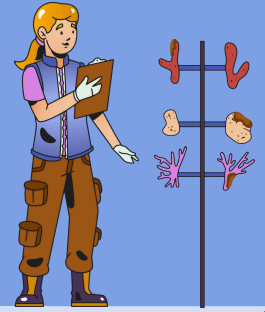
- sustainable fisheries
- sustainable aquaculture
- coastal zone management
- payment for ecosystem services
- eco-tourism

What does the programme do in Colombia?

The programme works to improve mangrove management and conservation and restoration in coastal cities, and aims to improve community conservation schemes and sustainable livelihoods for the local communities in two areas of Colombia:

- Mallorquín Swamp in Barranquilla
- The Morrosquillo Gulf

Additionally, it is improving the MRV processes for estimating blue carbon sequestration and release in mangrove ecosystems.



How does this programme support colombian priorities?

This programme supports Colombia's NDC adaptation goals by reducing the vulnerability of the mangroves with strategies of conservation, restoration and sustainable use, and improving their adaptive capacity.

It also aims to strengthen the MRV processes in these coastal ecosystems and therefore the information required for improving the carbon sink estimations.



What has been achieved so far?

- Training with the Terrestrial Laser Scanner (TLS) conducted by the University of the West Indies in collaboration with CI to INVEMAR, as part of the MRV strengthening.
- Conservation agreements signed with the communities of the Caimanera Swamp and the Natural Regional Park Bocas de Guacamaya.
- Environmental Recovery Plan of the Ciénaga de Mallorquín.



Key Facts

- **Delivery partner:** Inter-American Development Bank (IADB).
- **Geography:** *Distrito de Manejo Integrado del Sistema de Manglar y Laguna de la (DMI) Ciénaga de la Caimanera; Parque Natural Regional Bocas de Guacamayas at the Sucre department and the Mallorquín Swamp at the Atlántico department.*
- **Implementing partners:** Conservation International and Puerta de Oro.
- **Funding to Colombia:** USD \$2,5 Million.
- **Operation in Colombia:** 2021- 2026

