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2007-2008 First Phase

RECOVERY OF THE CIRCUIT OF FOUR LAKES



A Water and Sanitation Project
First Phase Lakes Acofia & Pomacanchi

PLANTING OF NATIVE TREES



2008-2009 First Stage



2010 Second Stage



Yachay Wasi

Million Native Trees Campaign in the Peruvian Andes

Yachay Wasi started this Campaign in 2008 after having completed the First Phase of an Environmental project *Recovery of the Circuit of Four Lakes* in the Peruvian Andes. Project is registered as a Partnership with the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development.



The Circuit of Four Lakes is a beautiful area in the Department of Cuzco at an altitude of 3,600 meters (11,800 feet).

Local biologists assisting with this water and sanitation project called for planting trees around lakes and villages. The trees selected *Chachacomo*, *Queuña*, *Qolle* are native of the High Andes and can withstand up to 5,000 meters altitude. They are small trees reaching 10 meters (33 feet) at maturity.

Yachay Wasi Campaign has planted 12,350 native trees in this area as of February 2010.

The first 6,000 native trees were planted near Lake Acofia during the rainy season months of January-February 2009 under the leadership of Yachay Wasi President Luis Delgado Hurtado. Families from the communities of Acofia and Santo Domingo (Province of Acomayo) participated in this First Stage of planting. A large portion of purchased saplings was funded by the general public at \$1.00 per sapling.

In January 2010, 6,350 native trees were planted near Lake Acofia and village of Santo Domingo for the Second Stage of Campaign.

UNEP BILLION TREES CAMPAIGN

Yachay Wasi is a planting partner of the Billion Trees Campaign of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) which reached its 7 Billion Trees goal on 21 September 2009. Yachay Wasi in Cuzco received a Certificate from UNEP Hqs in Kenya for being part of this victory.
http://www.unep.org/billiontreecampaign/CampaignNews/Yachay_Wasi.asp



In 2008, Yachay Wasi joined UNEP Climate Neutral Network and, as one of the first 100 participants, received a Commemorative Trophy from UNEP main office in Kenya.
<http://www.unep.org/climateneutral/Default.aspx?tabid=203>

In March 2009, USA newspaper Indian Country Today, published an interview with Luis Delgado Hurtado in article "Planting one million trees for life in Peru - Incan descendants clean up Mother Earth" (Photo on right was featured)
<http://www.indiancountrytoday.com/global/40849657.html>



At the United Nations Hqs in New York City, on Friday 20 March 2009, day of the Spring Equinox, Yachay Wasi was presented with the **International Earth Day Award** by the Earth Society Foundation, in recognition of its "outstanding contribution as a dedicated Earth Trustee".



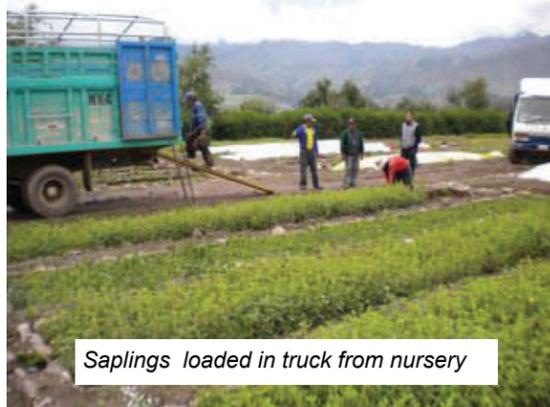
Planting area: Hill near Lake Acopia



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SECOND STAGE of

One Million Native Trees in the Peruvian Andes



Saplings loaded in truck from nursery

During the rainy season in January 2010, the Second Stage of the Campaign was implemented: under the leadership of Yachay Wasi, 6,350 native trees were planted near Laguna Acopia and the village of Santo Domingo by the Indigenous communities of Acopia and Santo Domingo.

Native trees selected are high altitude species: Chachacomo, Qeüña and Qolle.

Laguna Acopia is part of the Circuit of Four Lakes in the province of Acomayo, Department of Cusco, Peru. Altitude is 3,600 meters.



Ceremony with Coca leaves before planting



The Nuñez family from Cusco gave 200 trees



Training in Huarasayco



Planting in Organo Moqo



Prior and Informed Consent: information session in Acopia



Lunch discussion near Lake Acopia



Instructions prior to planting



Planting in Organo Moqo



Planting in Huayrasayco