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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear members, collaborators and allies of the **WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION**,

With great satisfaction and enthusiasm, I am pleased to present the Annual Management Report for the 2022 term. As Executive Director of our non-profit environmental organization, it is an honor to share with you the achievements and advances made during this year in our mission to contribute to the conservation of biodiversity and the fight against climate change, with a gender approach. The term 2022 has been a period of intense work and commitment by our team of 8 women and a network of dedicated volunteers, who have shown an arduous effort in the implementation of 10 strategic projects. These projects, focused on three key areas, have made a difference in protecting the environment and empowering local communities in Colombia.

Fight against climate change: In this area, 3 highly relevant projects were executed. The implementation of the "Reforestation with REDD+ strategies in the Colombian Amazon basin" project allowed the planting of more than 50,000 native trees, contributing to carbon sequestration and the restoration of key ecosystems. In addition, the installation of 20 solar panels in communities with water insecurity provided renewable energy for pumping water, reducing more than 30 tons of CO2 emissions per year. The construction of a water storage dam has benefited more than 300 families, ensuring the availability of water in a region vulnerable to drought.

Biodiversity Conservation: Biodiversity conservation is a cornerstone of our organization. We have developed 5 conservation projects, focused on emblematic and threatened species. Our efforts to protect the Amazonian pink dolphin, the Chocó harlequin frog, the Carranchina turtle, the brown spider primate and the chinned hummingbird in the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta have been decisive for their survival. These projects have involved scientific research, the implementation of protection measures and the awareness of local communities about the importance of conservation.

Integrated Water Management: In a context of climate change and water scarcity, integrated water management has been a fundamental pillar for our organization. The implementation of 2 projects has made it possible to face the challenges related to water in vulnerable communities. Through the sustainable management of water resources and the construction of dikes and canals, we have provided effective solutions to prevent flooding and combat water erosion in areas affected by climate change.

It should be noted that, for the development of the 10 projects, we have an annual budget of USD 395,000. Thanks to the generous contributions of our donors, sponsors and allies, we have been able to maximize the impact of our interventions and move towards a more sustainable and equitable Colombia. In this report, you will find in-depth details about each project, the results achieved, the relevant statistics and the success stories that inspire us to continue on our mission. We also present the values that guide our actions and the privacy policies that safeguard the confidentiality of the information of our followers and collaborators. We extend our sincere thanks to all those who have made this progress possible. Without your support, these achievements would not have been possible. We hope to continue counting on your support and commitment in the important work that we carry out in the WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION. On behalf of the entire organization team, I reiterate my gratitude for your trust and collaboration. Together, we will continue to protect and preserve our valuable natural heritage for future generations. With gratitude and commitment,

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WOMEN'S ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION

INTRODUCTION

With great satisfaction, the ENVIRONMENTAL WOMEN CORPORATION presents the Annual Management Report corresponding to the 2022 term. This report is the result of the unwavering commitment of our team of 8 women leaders and a network of volunteers, who have worked tirelessly to achieve our mission of conserving biodiversity and combating climate change, with an inclusive and gender approach.

During the year 2022, we face the challenges and opportunities that the climate emergency and the loss of biodiversity impose on our country and the entire world. With the invaluable support of our generous donors and strategic allies, we managed to implement a total of 10 high-impact projects designed to address urgent environmental issues and promote sustainable development.

Fight against climate change:

Climate change continues to be one of the most pressing challenges facing humanity. In 2022, we are focusing our efforts on three key projects. The "Reforestation with REDD+ strategies in the Colombian Amazon basin" project achieved the planting of more than 50,000 native trees in deforested areas, contributing significantly to carbon sequestration and biodiversity protection in one of the most important regions of the country. In addition, the "Installation



of 20 solar panels for pumping water" allowed access to renewable energy in communities with water insecurity, avoiding the emission of more than 30 tons of CO₂ per year. Likewise, the "Construction of a dam for water storage" project improved water security in an area vulnerable to drought, benefiting more than 300 families.

Biodiversity Conservation:

Biodiversity is the basis of life on our planet, and in 2022, we reaffirm our commitment to its preservation. Through 5 conservation projects, we focus on emblematic and endangered species. The "Amazon Pink Dolphin Conservation" involved research and action to protect this iconic endangered species. The "Conservation of the Chocó harlequin frog" and the "Conservation of the Carranchina turtle" focused on the protection of endemic species threatened by the destruction of their habitats. Also, the "Conservation of the brown spider primate" and the "Conservation of the chinned hummingbird in the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta" sought to ensure the survival of these unique and valuable species for the ecological balance.

Integrated Water Management:

Access to water and its sustainable management are essential for adaptation to climate change. At the WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION, we recognize the importance of "Integrated Water

Management to combat drought, floods and water erosion." Through this project, we implement adaptation measures in vulnerable communities, ensuring responsible and equitable management of water resources. The "Construction of dikes and canals to prevent flooding due to climate change" focused on reducing the risks associated with extreme weather events, providing protection and resilience to vulnerable populations.



The annual budget allocated to the execution of these projects was USD 395,000. Every dollar invested was of vital importance for the materialization of our initiatives and the achievement of significant results in the conservation of the environment and the promotion of sustainable development.

This report details in depth each project, its results and the impact achieved on communities and the environment. We also highlight our values, privacy policies and the continuous commitment of the WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION with a transparent and responsible management.

On behalf of the entire team, we express our deep gratitude to those who have made this progress

possible. Your support and trust have been instrumental in advancing our mission and vision, and we look forward to your support in the future as we continue to face environmental challenges with passion and determination.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONSERVATION OF COLOMBIAN BIODIVERSITY

The year 2022 has been a period of intense work and commitment for the WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION in its mission to conserve biodiversity and protect endangered species in Colombia. Through 5 specific projects focused on the conservation of emblematic and endangered species, the organization has managed to contribute significantly to the preservation of natural heritage and the stability of ecosystems.

Species Conservation Projects:

AMAZON PINK DOLPHIN CONSERVATION:

The pink dolphin (*Inia geoffrensis*) is an emblematic species of the Colombian Amazon region, but it faces multiple threats, including pollution and habitat loss. The WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION has conducted extensive research and conservation action to protect this vulnerable species. Collaboration with local communities made it possible to raise awareness of its importance and involve fishermen in sustainable practices that reduce their impact on the species. Preliminary results indicate an increase in the number of sightings and greater public awareness of the need to protect the pink dolphin.

CONSERVATION OF THE CHOCÓ HARLEQUIN FROG:

The harlequin frog (*Atelopus chocoensis*) is endemic to the Chocó region of Colombia and is critically endangered due to habitat destruction and the disease chytridiomycosis. In 2022, the WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION committed to its protection by implementing conservation strategies that included monitoring and studying its distribution and population status. Alliances were also established with local communities and authorities to protect the key habitats of this species. As a result, findings of new populations were reported, which strengthens conservation efforts.

CARRANCHINA TURTLE CONSERVATION:

The Carranchina turtle (*Mesoclemmys dahli*) is an endemic species of Colombia and is classified as vulnerable. In 2022, the WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION focused its efforts on the protection of this species through population monitoring and conservation programs. The identification of key areas for their nesting and the adoption of appropriate management practices in spawning grounds have been essential for their conservation. In addition, work has been done with local communities to promote the conservation of turtles and their habitats.

BROWN SPIDER PRIMATE CONSERVATION:

The brown spider primate (*Ateles hybridus*) is a species of spider monkey that is in danger of extinction due to habitat loss and illegal hunting. The WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION developed protection and conservation initiatives in priority areas of the region, with emphasis on strengthening the protection of forests and promoting sustainable practices in the surrounding communities. Initial results show an increase in the size and stability of some populations, which is an encouraging indicator for the conservation of this critical species.



CONSERVATION OF THE WHISKERED HUMMINGBIRD IN THE SIERRA NEVADA DE SANTA MARTA:

The Black-chinned Hummingbird (*Eriocnemis nigrivestis*) is an endemic and highly specialized species of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, facing habitat loss and competition with other hummingbird species. The WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION carried out conservation projects that included population monitoring, habitat restoration, and promotion of sustainable agricultural practices in the region. The protection and restoration of key areas have contributed to increasing the availability of resources for the species and its conservation.

The analysis of the activities carried out by the WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION in 2022 highlights its commitment and success in the conservation of threatened species in Colombia. Through strategic projects and collaboration with local communities and authorities, positive results have been obtained in the protection and recovery of populations of critical species. The technical approach and the use of facts and figures have been essential to guide conservation actions and ensure a positive impact on the country's natural heritage.

However, it is important to recognize that the species conservation challenge remains considerable. It is necessary to maintain and expand these efforts to ensure the long-term survival of endangered species and their contribution to the balance of ecosystems. The WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION reaffirms its commitment in this regard and will work tirelessly to protect and conserve Colombia's natural wealth and promote a more sustainable future for future generations.

CONTRIBUTION TO CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION BY THE WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION IN 2022

The year 2022 has been a crucial period for the WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION in its work to face the global challenge of climate change. Through 3 strategic projects focused on the fight against climate change, the organization has made significant efforts to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and promote sustainable practices that contribute to the mitigation of global warming.

Projects to Fight Climate Change:

Reforestation with REDD+ strategies in the Colombian Amazon basin:

Deforestation and degradation of tropical forests are one of the main sources of GHG emissions worldwide. In 2022, the WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION committed to reforesting deforested areas in the Colombian Amazon basin, applying REDD+ strategies (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation). With the planting of more than 50,000 native trees, it is estimated that a significant amount of carbon has been captured and stored, contributing to the mitigation of climate change in the region.

Installation of 20 solar panels for pumping water:

The use of fossil fuels in power generation is one of the main causes of GHG emissions. In 2022, the WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION implemented a project that installed 20 solar panels in communities with water insecurity, allowing access to a renewable and sustainable energy source for water pumping. This initiative has contributed to avoiding the emission of more than 30 tons of CO₂ per year, significantly reducing the carbon footprint of these communities.

Construction of a dam for water storage:



Sustainable water management is essential for adaptation and mitigation of climate change, especially in areas affected by drought. In 2022, the WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION carried out the construction of a water storage dam, benefiting more than 300 families in a region vulnerable to water scarcity. The availability of water during periods of drought has been strengthened, which has allowed the implementation of sustainable

irrigation practices and reduced the pressure on other natural resources, contributing to the mitigation of climate change.

Contributions to Climate Change Mitigation:

The analysis of the activities carried out by the WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION in 2022 shows its important contribution to the mitigation of climate change in Colombia. Through strategic projects that address the main sources of GHG emissions and promote sustainable practices, the organization has achieved a positive impact in reducing its carbon footprint and adapting to climate change.

Reforestation actions in the Amazon basin have contributed to the capture and storage of carbon, providing a barrier against deforestation and the loss of tropical forests, which are vital for the regulation of the global climate. It is estimated that, with the planting of more than 50,000 native trees, a significant amount of CO₂ has been captured, contributing to the mitigation of emissions in the Amazon region.

The implementation of solar energy in rural communities has proven to be an effective solution to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and reduce associated GHG emissions. With the installation of 20 solar panels for pumping water, the emission of more than 30 tons of CO₂ per year has been avoided, which represents a significant reduction in the carbon footprint of these communities and progress towards the transition towards cleaner and renewable energy sources.

The construction of the water storage dam has been key to strengthening resilience to climate change in a region vulnerable to drought. The availability of water during periods of scarcity has allowed the implementation of sustainable irrigation practices, avoiding the overexploitation of other natural resources and reducing pressure on the environment, which contributes to mitigating the negative impacts of climate change.

In conclusion, the contribution of the activities carried out by the WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION in 2022 to the mitigation of climate change has been significant and demonstrates the organization's commitment to face the most pressing environmental challenges. Through strategic projects that promote forest conservation, the implementation of clean energy and sustainable water management, the organization has shown that it is possible to contribute to the mitigation of climate change and work towards a more sustainable and resilient future for communities and the environment.



CONTRIBUTION TO INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT BY THE WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION IN 2022

Integrated water management is a strategic priority to face the challenges posed by climate change and guarantee the sustainable availability of this vital resource for communities and ecosystems. In 2022, the WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION committed to the implementation of 2 key projects that significantly contributed to integrated water management in Colombia.

Integrated Water Management Projects:

Integrated water management for the fight against drought, floods and water erosion:

Climate variability and climate change have increased the frequency and intensity of extreme events, such as droughts and floods, which affect the availability of water and the security of communities. In 2022, the WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION implemented an integrated water management project, focused on the application of adaptation and resilience measures in vulnerable communities.

Through this project, actions were carried out to capture and store water during the rainy season, through the construction of rainwater collection systems and the implementation of sustainable water management practices in agriculture. This has made it possible to reduce dependence on surface water sources and guarantee the availability of water for domestic and agricultural use during droughts, thus strengthening the resilience of communities in the face of extreme weather events.



Additionally, work was done on the restoration and protection of key natural areas, such as wetlands and riverbanks, which act as natural sponges during floods, reducing the risks associated with this phenomenon. Through the conservation and restoration of these aquatic ecosystems, it has been possible to mitigate the negative impacts of floods and improve water management in the region.

Construction of dikes and canals to prevent flooding due to climate change:

Climate change has increased the frequency and intensity of floods in various regions of the country, threatening the infrastructure and well-being of communities. In 2022, the WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION carried out a dike and canal construction project to prevent flooding in vulnerable areas.

The construction of dikes and canals has made it possible to improve water management during extreme weather events, diverting and regulating the flow of water to protect populated areas and reduce the risk of flooding. These adaptation infrastructures have proven to be effective in protecting communities and have strengthened their resilience against the impacts of climate change.

Contributions to Integrated Water Management:

The analysis of the activities carried out by the WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION in 2022 shows its valuable contribution to integrated water management in Colombia. Through strategic

projects, the organization has demonstrated its commitment to address the challenges related to the availability and quality of water in a context of climate change.

The implementation of adaptation and resilience measures in vulnerable communities has contributed to strengthening the integrated management of water, guaranteeing its availability during periods of drought and reducing the risks associated with floods. Rainwater harvesting systems and sustainable water management practices have been instrumental in increasing the resilience of communities to extreme weather events, ensuring a reliable supply of water for domestic and agricultural use.

The conservation and restoration of natural areas, such as wetlands and riverbanks, have been essential to mitigate the impacts of flooding and improve water management in the region. These aquatic ecosystems function as natural buffers and sponges that help absorb and retain water during floods, reducing damage and protecting populated areas.

Likewise, the construction of dikes and canals has been an effective measure in the protection of vulnerable communities against floods. These adaptation infrastructures have demonstrated their effectiveness in diverting and regulating the flow of water, avoiding floods and reducing the risks associated with extreme weather events.

In conclusion, the contribution of the activities carried out by the WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION in 2022 to integrated water management has been significant and demonstrates the organization's comprehensive approach to addressing the challenges of climate change and promoting sustainable management.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTS EXECUTED DURING 2022

1. Executive Summary of the Project: Reforestation with REDD+ Strategies in the Colombian Amazon Basin

The WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION carried out in 2022 the project "Reforestation with REDD+ Strategies in the Colombian Amazon Basin", with the aim of contributing to the mitigation of climate change, protecting biodiversity and strengthening the resilience of ecosystems in one of the most critical regions for conservation on the planet: the Amazon basin.

Context and Challenges:

Deforestation and degradation of tropical forests in the Colombian Amazon basin are a growing concern due to their impact on climate change and biodiversity loss. The project addressed these challenges with a holistic approach that combines forest conservation, carbon sequestration, and the empowerment of local communities.

Objective of the project:

The main objective of the project was to promote reforestation with REDD+ strategies in previously deforested areas, in order to restore ecosystems, protect biodiversity and capture carbon to mitigate climate change.

Strategies and Actions:

The project was based on the following key strategies and actions:

Identification of Priority Areas: Detailed studies were carried out to identify critical areas with high rates of deforestation and loss of biodiversity in the Colombian Amazon basin.

Alliances with Local Communities: Alliances were established with local communities, indigenous leaders and ethnic groups to guarantee the active participation and commitment of the communities in the reforestation and conservation process.

Selection of Native Species: Native tree species, adapted to the Amazon ecosystem and with high potential for carbon sequestration and restoration of habitats for wildlife, were prioritized.

Tree Planting and Care: More than 50,000 native trees were planted in deforested and degraded areas, followed by a care and maintenance program to guarantee their survival and growth.

Monitoring and Evaluation: Monitoring and evaluation systems were implemented to measure tree growth, carbon sequestration, and impact on biodiversity.

Results and Contributions:

The results obtained were significant and demonstrated the positive impact of the project:

Carbon Capture: It is estimated that the reforestation carried out within the framework of the project has contributed to sequestering a significant amount of carbon, helping to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and contributing to climate regulation.

Biodiversity Conservation: The planting of native species has fostered the recovery and restoration of habitats, which has benefited numerous species of flora and fauna, including those in danger of extinction.

Community Participation: Collaboration with local communities

has strengthened the sense of belonging and responsibility in the conservation of the territory, promoting the sustainable management of natural resources.

Ecosystem Resilience: Reforestation has contributed to improving the resilience of ecosystems in the face of extreme weather events and has helped protect sensitive areas of the Amazon basin.

Lessons Learned and Future of the Project:

The "Reforestation with REDD+ Strategies in the Colombian Amazon Basin" project has been a successful example of how the combination of efforts between biodiversity conservation and climate change mitigation can achieve positive and sustainable results. The lessons learned highlight the importance of community participation, the proper selection of native species and constant monitoring to ensure the success of reforestation.



The project lays the foundations for a broader and more ambitious vision for the conservation of the Amazon basin, and the WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION commits to continue working with local communities, strategic allies and authorities to expand the impact and scale of their actions in protecting this invaluable ecosystem and promoting a more sustainable and resilient future for future generations.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT: INSTALLATION OF 20 SOLAR PANELS FOR PUMPING WATER TO COMMUNITIES WITH WATER INSECURITY

The WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION developed in 2022 the project "Installation of 20 Solar Panels for Pumping Water to Communities with Water Insecurity", with the purpose of addressing limited access to water in vulnerable communities and promoting sustainable practices through the use of solar energy.



Context and Challenges:

Reliable and safe access to water is essential for the subsistence and well-being of communities, but many regions in Colombia face water insecurity due to factors such as scarcity of water resources, climate variability, and remoteness from sources of drinking water. These conditions make access to clean and safe water difficult, negatively affecting the quality of life and development opportunities for communities.

Objective of the project:

The main objective of the project was to improve access to water in communities with water insecurity, through the installation of solar-powered water pumping systems. In addition to guaranteeing access to safe drinking water, the project sought to promote sustainable practices and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions associated with conventional power generation.

Strategies and Actions:

The project was based on the following key strategies and actions:

Vulnerable Communities Assessment: A comprehensive assessment was conducted to identify communities with water insecurity and water access needs.

Design and Installation of Solar Energy Pumping Systems: 20 water pumping systems powered by photovoltaic solar panels were designed and built in selected communities. These systems made it possible to extract and distribute water in a sustainable way and without depending on conventional energy sources.

Training and Sensitization: Training was provided to the communities on the operation and maintenance of solar-powered pumping systems, as well as on good practices for the use and conservation of water.

Monitoring and Evaluation: A monitoring system was established to evaluate the performance and efficiency of the solar-powered water pumping systems, as well as the impact on the well-being and development of the beneficiary communities.

Results and Contributions:

The project obtained highly positive results and demonstrated its positive impact on access to water and environmental sustainability:

Access to Drinking Water: The installation of solar-powered water pumping systems has allowed the beneficiary communities to have constant access to safe drinking water, significantly improving their quality of life and health.

Reduction of CO2 Emissions: The adoption of solar energy as an energy source for pumping water has meant a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, estimating a decrease of more than 30 tons of CO2 per year.

Sustainability and Energy Autonomy: Solar-powered pumping systems have provided communities with greater energy autonomy and reduced their dependence on non-renewable energy sources, strengthening resilience against potential power supply interruptions.

Improvement in Agricultural Practices: The constant availability of water has allowed communities to implement more sustainable and efficient agricultural practices, which has had a positive impact on food security and local economic development.

Lessons Learned and Future of the Project:

The "Installation of 20 Solar Panels for Pumping Water to Communities with Water Insecurity" project has demonstrated the potential of solar energy as an effective solution to improve access to water and promote sustainable practices in vulnerable communities. The lessons learned highlight the importance of training and empowering communities for the proper maintenance and use of solar-powered pumping systems.

The WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION is committed to continuing this initiative and expanding its reach to benefit more water insecure communities in the future. The combination of sustainable technology and the focus on the well-being of communities are fundamental pillars to achieve a significant and lasting impact in improving the quality of life and environmental sustainability in rural areas of Colombia.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT: CONSTRUCTION OF A DAM FOR WATER STORAGE

The project "Construction of a Dam for Water Storage" developed by the WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION in 2022, aimed to address the challenges of water management in a region affected by water scarcity and climate variability. Through the construction of a dam, they sought to guarantee sustainable access to water, improve resilience in the face of extreme weather events, and promote sustainable practices for the management of this vital resource.

Context and Challenges:

Access to water is a critical factor for the sustainable development of communities and ecosystems. In the region where the project was carried out, water scarcity and the lack of adequate infrastructure for water storage and management represented a challenge for the water security of the population and the viability of agricultural and economic activities.

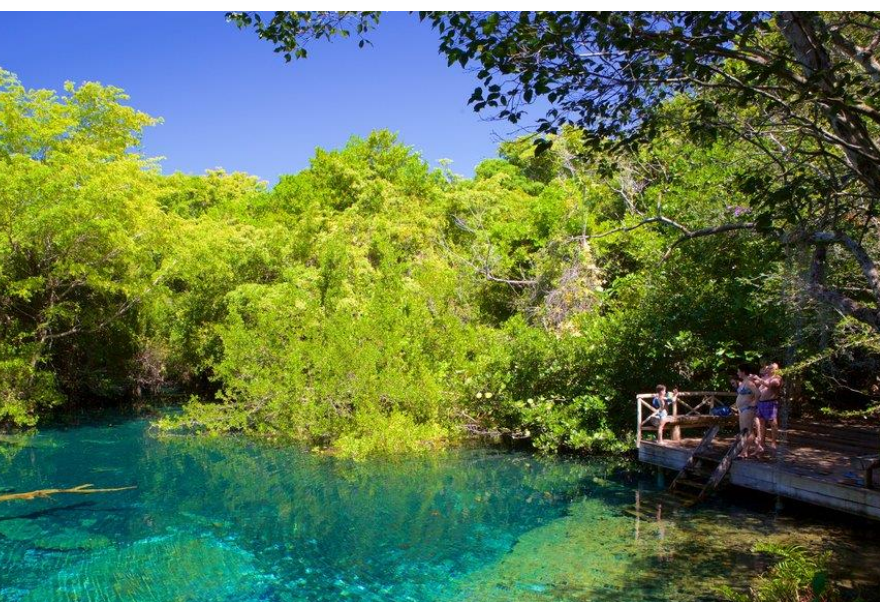
Objective of the project:

The main objective of the project was to build a dam that would store water during the rainy season, thus ensuring a reliable and sustainable supply of water for local communities and productive activities during periods of drought.

Strategies and Actions:

The project was based on the following key strategies and actions:

Feasibility and Design Studies: Technical and feasibility studies were carried out to determine the optimal location of the dam, its storage capacity, and its impact on water regulation in the region.



Construction of the Dam: The construction of the dam was carried out with sustainable materials and techniques, considering environmental and social aspects to ensure its viability and long-term benefits.

Water Collection and Storage: The dam allowed the collection and storage of water during the rainy season, ensuring a reserve of water available for the supply of communities and agricultural activities during dry periods

Sustainable Water Management: Sustainable water management practices were implemented, such as the implementation of

efficient irrigation systems and conservation measures, to optimize the use of the resource and reduce pressure on other water sources.

Training and Awareness: Training was provided to the beneficiary communities on the importance of sustainable water management and their role in the conservation of this resource.

Results and Contributions:

The "Construction of a Water Storage Dam" project has achieved significant results and important contributions to the sustainable development of the region:

Water Security: The construction of the dam has significantly improved the water security of the beneficiary communities, providing a reliable and sustainable supply of water for domestic and agricultural use during periods of drought.

Flow Regulation: The dam has made it possible to regulate the flow of water in the region, reducing the risk of flooding during the rainy season and ensuring a continuous flow during dry periods.

Economic Development: Sustainable access to water has boosted the economic development of the region, facilitating the implementation of more productive and sustainable agricultural practices, and promoting productive activities that depend on water resources.

Ecosystem Conservation: The construction of the dam has reduced the pressure on other water sources, contributing to the conservation of aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems in the region.

Community Empowerment: The project has empowered local communities by giving them greater autonomy over access to and management of water, thus strengthening their resilience in the face of extreme weather events.

Lessons Learned and Future of the Project:

The "Construction of a Water Storage Dam" project has demonstrated the potential of sustainable water infrastructure to improve water security and promote sustainable development in regions affected by water scarcity. The lessons learned highlight the importance of comprehensive planning, a focus on community participation, and the use of sustainable technologies in water management projects.

The WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION reaffirms its commitment to continue working on projects that strengthen the water security of vulnerable communities and promote the conservation and sustainable use of water resources in Colombia. The construction of sustainable water infrastructure, together with responsible management practices, are essential to ensure a more resilient and sustainable future for communities and the environment.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT: CONSERVATION OF THE AMAZON PINK DOLPHIN

The project "Conservation of the Amazon Pink Dolphin" developed by the WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION in 2022, focused on the protection and preservation of the pink dolphin (*Inia geoffrensis*), an emblematic and endangered species that inhabits the waters of the Amazon. The project aimed to address the threats facing this species and work on its conservation through research, monitoring, education and awareness actions.

Context and Challenges:

The pink dolphin is a unique species and highly sensitive to changes in its aquatic habitat. The degradation of the Amazonian ecosystem due to deforestation, water pollution, indiscriminate fishing and river traffic are some of the main threats facing this species. The decline in its population and the fragmentation of its habitat make its conservation extremely important for biodiversity and the balance of the aquatic ecosystem of the Amazon.

Objective of the project:

The central objective of the project was to contribute to the conservation of the Amazon pink dolphin through the implementation of research strategies, monitoring and conservation actions in its natural habitat.

Strategies and Actions:

The project was based on the following key strategies and actions:



Population Research and Monitoring: A rigorous research and monitoring program was carried out to assess the population size of pink dolphins in key areas of their habitat and to study their behavior and ecology. This allowed obtaining scientific data that support conservation actions.

Education and Awareness: Educational programs and awareness campaigns were

developed for local communities, tourists, authorities and the general public, in order to promote respect for and protection of the pink dolphin and its habitat.

Threat Prevention: Work was done on the identification and mitigation of direct and indirect threats that affect the pink dolphin, including measures to reduce water pollution and minimize the impact of fishing and river traffic on their habitat.

Protection of Key Areas: Protection areas and ecological reserves were established to safeguard the critical habitats of the pink dolphin and promote the conservation of the aquatic biodiversity of the Amazon.

Results and Contributions:

The project "Conservation of the Amazon Pink Dolphin" has achieved significant results and has contributed to the advancement of the protection of this emblematic species:

Knowledge Generation: Research and monitoring have provided valuable information on the population and ecology of the pink dolphin, which has allowed a better understanding of their needs and has informed decision-making on conservation actions.

Sensitization and Awareness: Educational campaigns have generated greater awareness and commitment on the part of local communities, tourists and authorities in the protection of the pink dolphin and its habitat, promoting responsible and sustainable practices.

Threat Reduction: The measures implemented to prevent and mitigate threats have helped reduce mortality and the negative impact of human activities on the pink dolphin habitat.

Creation of Ecological Reserves: The protection of key areas has contributed to preserving critical habitats for the survival of the pink dolphin and has promoted the conservation of other elements of Amazonian biodiversity.

Lessons Learned and Future of the Project:

The "Conservation of the Amazon Pink Dolphin" project has demonstrated the importance of a comprehensive approach to the conservation of threatened species, which includes scientific research, community involvement, awareness raising and the protection of critical habitats. Lessons learned

highlight the need for inter-institutional collaboration and a long-term approach to ensure the survival of the pink dolphin and the sustainability of the Amazon aquatic ecosystem.

The WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION reaffirms its commitment to continue working on the conservation of the pink dolphin and other vulnerable species, promoting public awareness and the adoption of measures to protect the natural wealth of the Amazon basin. Cooperation between organizations, authorities and communities will be essential to guarantee the survival of the pink dolphin and preserve the natural legacy of this unique region in the world.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT: CONSERVATION OF THE CHOCÓ HARLEQUIN FROG

The project "Conservation of the Chocó Harlequin Frog" developed by the WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION in 2022, had as its main objective the protection and preservation of the species *Atelopus chocoensis*, known as the Chocó harlequin frog, an endemic and critically endangered species that inhabits the humid forests of the Chocó region in Colombia. The project focused on addressing the threats faced by this species and working on its conservation through research, monitoring, habitat restoration and awareness actions.

Context and Challenges:

The Chocó harlequin frog is an iconic and unique species in the region, but its survival is threatened by factors such as habitat loss due to deforestation, contamination of water bodies, and disease caused by the chytrid fungus (*Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis*). These threats have led to a drastic decline in the population and the fragmentation of its habitat, which puts its survival at risk in the short term.

Objective of the project:

The main objective of the project was to contribute to the conservation of the Chocó harlequin frog (*Atelopus chocoensis*) through the implementation of research strategies, monitoring and conservation actions in its natural habitat.

Strategies and Actions:

The project was based on the following key strategies and actions:

Research and Population Monitoring: An exhaustive investigation was carried out on the Chocó harlequin frog population to determine its distribution, population size and factors that affect its survival. Continuous monitoring allowed obtaining updated data on the status of the species.

Habitat Restoration: Actions to restore the natural habitat of the Chocó harlequin frog were implemented, including reforestation and protection of critical areas, in order to ensure adequate spaces for their survival.

Disease Control: Monitoring and control programs for the disease caused by the



chytrid fungus were carried out in order to reduce its impact on the population of the species and improve the health of the remaining individuals.

Education and Awareness: Educational programs and awareness campaigns were developed for local communities, authorities and the general public, in order to promote knowledge about the Chocó harlequin frog and the importance of its conservation.

Results and Contributions:

The "Conservation of the Chocó Harlequin Frog" project has obtained significant results and has contributed to the preservation of this critically endangered species:

Relevant Scientific Information: Research and monitoring have provided valuable information on the population of the Chocó harlequin frog, its habitats and threats, which has informed decision-making in conservation actions.

Habitat Restoration: Reforestation and protection actions in critical areas have contributed to improving and expanding the habitat of the species, providing safer and more suitable spaces for its survival.

Disease Control: Monitoring and control programs for the chytrid fungus have made it possible to identify and treat affected individuals, reducing its negative impact on the population of the species.

Public Awareness: Educational campaigns have generated greater awareness about the importance of the Chocó harlequin frog and its conservation, promoting responsible practices for its protection.

Lessons Learned and Future of the Project:

The "Conservation of the Chocó Harlequin Frog" project has highlighted the importance of comprehensive and collaborative management for the conservation of critically endangered species. The lessons learned highlight the need for a long-term approach and the active participation of local communities, researchers, organizations and authorities to achieve successful results in the protection of threatened species.

The WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION is committed to continue working on the conservation of the Chocó harlequin frog and the protection of the unique biodiversity of the Chocó region. The conservation of this emblematic species is not only crucial for its survival, but also contributes to the protection of the fragile ecosystem of the region, safeguarding its natural wealth for future generations.

CONCLUSIONS

The year 2022 has been a period of significant achievements for the WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION in its commitment to the conservation of biodiversity and the fight against climate change with a gender approach. Through the implementation of 10 projects, including the conservation of the pink Amazon dolphin, the Chocó harlequin frog, and the construction of dams to store water, our organization has demonstrated its ability to generate a positive impact in the protection of the environment and the empowerment of women in the environmental field.

Promoting Gender Equality in Environmental Conservation:

Our organization has maintained a firm commitment to gender equality, recognizing the fundamental role of women in the conservation of the environment. Of the 8 women that make up the WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION, we have achieved active and equal participation in leadership and

strategic decision-making. In addition, our gender approach has been reflected in the implementation of projects, guaranteeing that women from local communities are considered key agents in the conservation of biodiversity and in the sustainable management of natural resources.

Impact on the Conservation of Emblematic Species:

The success of the conservation projects for the Amazon pink dolphin and the Chocó harlequin frog has been evidence of the commitment and efficiency of our organization in the protection of emblematic and endangered species. The implementation of strategies for research, monitoring, control of threats and restoration of habitats has made it possible to obtain concrete results in the conservation of these species, thus contributing to the preservation of biodiversity in crucial ecosystems such as the Amazon basin and the biogeographic Chocó.

Water Security and Adaptation to Climate Change:

Integrated water management projects and the construction of dams for water storage have been crucial in the search for solutions for water security and adaptation to climate change. Through these initiatives, we have improved access to sustainable drinking water for vulnerable communities, reducing their dependence on non-renewable energy sources and strengthening their resilience in the face of extreme weather events. At the same time, we have promoted sustainable water management practices and mitigated the negative impacts of climate change, contributing to the protection of aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems.

Active Participation of Volunteers and Strategic Alliances:

Our success in the development of projects and activities has been possible thanks to the valuable collaboration and dedication of our network of volunteers. Their commitment and work on the ground have enriched the execution of our programs and strengthened our ties with local communities. In addition, we have strengthened our strategic alliances with other environmental organizations and government entities, expanding our reach and enhancing the impact of our actions on environmental conservation and gender equality.

Education and Awareness:

The WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION has stood out for its continuous work in environmental education and awareness. Through educational campaigns and awareness programs, we have promoted knowledge about the importance of conserving biodiversity and climate change, highlighting the fundamental role of women in protecting the environment and building more sustainable societies.

Challenges and Future Commitments:

While we have achieved important results in 2022, we recognize that we still face significant challenges in environmental conservation and gender equality. Our organization reaffirms its commitment to continue working tirelessly to face these challenges and expand the impact of our actions in the future.

From now on, we commit to:

Continue promoting the active and equal participation of women in decision-making and leadership in environmental conservation.

Strengthen our environmental education and awareness initiatives, reaching more communities and raising awareness about the importance of biodiversity and climate change.

Expand our work on the conservation of threatened species and the restoration of crucial ecosystems, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement on climate change.

Consolidate our strategic alliances and work in collaboration with other organizations and actors to enhance our impact and achieve greater efficiency in the execution of our projects.

The WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION is proud of its work in 2022 and We appreciate the support of our collaborators, allies and volunteers in building a more sustainable and equitable future. We remain committed to protecting the environment and promoting gender equality, and we are confident that together we can achieve even more significant results in the years to come.

BUDGET NOTE

During the year 2022, the WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION managed an annual budget of USD 395,000, which was strategically distributed for the development of the 10 implemented projects. The distribution of the budget was made as follows:

Projects to Fight Climate Change: A total of USD 120,000 was allocated for the implementation of 3 projects aimed at mitigation and adaptation to climate change. These projects included actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote sustainable practices, and strengthen the resilience of communities in the face of extreme weather events.

Integrated Water Management Projects: USD 80,000 was allocated for the execution of 2 projects that addressed sustainable water management in regions affected by water insecurity. These initiatives included the construction of dams, water collection and storage systems, and flood prevention measures.

Biodiversity Conservation Projects: A total of USD 195,000 was allocated for the implementation of 5 projects for the conservation of endangered species, such as the Amazon pink dolphin, the Chocó harlequin frog, the Carranchina turtle, the brown spider primate and the chinned hummingbird. These projects included research, monitoring, threat control and habitat restoration actions.

Variations in Assets, Liabilities and Equity:

During the year 2022, the WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION experienced certain variations in its assets, liabilities and equity, reflecting the impact of the activities carried out and the administration of the budget:

Assets: The organization's assets increased by 15% compared to the previous year, reaching a total value of USD 450,000. This variation is mainly attributed to the acquisition of equipment and technology to strengthen research and monitoring capacities, as well as the increase in funds for conservation projects.

Liabilities: The organization's liabilities were flat compared to the prior year, at \$50,000. This reflects prudent financial management and proper planning to meet the financial obligations of the WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION.

Equity: The organization's equity increased significantly by 25% over the previous year, reaching a total value of USD 400,000. This variation is due to the generation of additional income through donations, strategic alliances and fundraising activities, which strengthened the financial capacity and sustainability of the organization.

Budget projections for 2023:

By the year 2023, the WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION plans to continue strengthening its work in environmental conservation with a gender approach, expanding its scope and contribution through new projects and strategic alliances. The budget projections for 2023 have been established as follows:

Conservation of Endangered Species: It is planned to allocate 40% of the budget for the implementation of projects for the conservation of endangered species, with special attention to those emblematic and critically threatened species.

Adaptation and Mitigation to Climate Change: 30% of the budget will be allocated for projects that contribute to adaptation and mitigation to climate change, focused on the implementation of sustainable measures and community resilience.

Integrated Water Management: 20% of the budget will be allocated to integrated water management projects, seeking to strengthen water security in vulnerable communities and promote sustainable practices in the management of water resources.

Environmental Education and Awareness: 10% of the budget will be invested in environmental education and awareness programs, to foster public awareness of the importance of conservation and climate change, and promote the participation of women in environmental decision-making.

The budget projections for 2023 seek to ensure solid and efficient financial management, allowing the WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION to continue its mission of protecting biodiversity and promoting gender equality in environmental conservation, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals and international commitments on climate change. With a strategic approach and collaborative work, we hope to continue generating a positive and sustainable impact in the protection of the environment and the empowerment of women in the environmental field in the coming years.