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## **Analysis of agrobiodiversity zones as a protection strategy for traditional Peruvian agroecosystems**

Traditional agroecosystems have gained protection by the Peruvian agro-environmental politics through a progressive inclusion of the concept of agrobiodiversity, in the past 20 years. Although the agricultural sector must lead the political process, it is a multisector and multilevel task, and needs to involve local conservationist farmers mainly.

However, it is unknown how the empowerment of the theme has evolved at the local level, particularly in historical areas with high agrobiodiversity.

The study covers 12 historical agrobiodiversity zones, which were selected according to Peruvian scientific and legal recognition of agrobiodiversity conditions; and 100 stakeholders have been selected for semi-structured interviews. The study has selected 6 criteria based on 11 criteria from the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (2020) for the characterization.

According to the results, national and local governments have a weak and temporal intervention compared to NGOs in research and technical intervention in the traditional production; the agrarian national sector has mainly a normative and centralist participation, which is not perceived by the conservationists, who prefer a direct relationship and trust built up over time with the NGO extension agents; Conservationist farmers have no leadership training for their participation in public policy and they do not feel represented by national unions. The inclusion of these group in the technical-political groups on agrobiodiversity and family farming is recommended.

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