



# Restoring Misiones' Forest for People and Nature

Mid-Year Impact Report  
January - June 2025



**Misiones, Argentina**  
Wildlife Corridors



**Timeline:**  
**2022 - 2025**



Main implementing partners:

**Fundación Vida Silvestre (FVS)**



Co-funded by **WWF Netherlands (50%)**



Targeted ecosystem:  
**Atlantic Forest**



**Pinalito #19608**  
**Cruce Caballero #19619**  
**Alta cuenca del arroyo**  
**Alegría #19603**  
**Uruguaí #19596**  
**Reserva de la Biosfera**  
**Yabotí #19609**

**Marking its third year, the project underwent a mid-term evaluation to consolidate results and define the strategic path forward.**

# Activity update



## Improving forest governance and stewardship

- As a core project objective, the implementing partner Fundación Vida Silvestre (FVS) facilitated the creation of a multi-stakeholder roundtable with the newly established Secretariat of Rural Development and Environment (DRYMA) to develop the management plan for the Cruce Caballero-Yabotí corridor.
- FVS continued its engagement with the Trinational Alliance for Atlantic Forest Restoration (RTR), attending strategic planning meetings, joining nine working groups and contributing to the development of a strategic framework document, fostering the enabling conditions necessary to scale up Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) in Misiones Province.
- FVS continued to actively participate in activities to assess and expand protected areas in Misiones.



## Restoring and conserving at-risk forests

- 55 families**, who began their involvement in the project in 2023 and 2024, participated in discussions on project continuity, monitoring, market opportunities and environmental sustainability.
- 38 new families** joined the project, each signing an agreement and joining a formal meeting to kick off their involvement.
- 58 hectares** underwent enrichment plantation.
- 21 hectares** were converted to agroforestry.
- 31 hectares** underwent full planting.
- Four training workshops** were delivered to support native plant nurseries near the restoration sites. 82 participants from 28 nurseries attended.



### Case study

**February 2025**  
**Cruce Caballero,**  
**Misiones Province**

Representatives from 23 of the 55 families participating in the project attended a workshop aiming to analyse the project's effectiveness through the farmers' lens. Participants discussed their motivations for joining the project and their perceived changes in their farms and lives, gave feedback on training and technical assistance, and reflected on their interactions with the project team and the Field Working Group.



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Farmers received training on yerba mate management, emphasizing best harvesting practices, led by INTA researchers and San Pedro's Rural Development and Environment Secretariat technicians.



## Introducing forest-friendly livelihoods and behaviors

- **48 families** received comprehensive spring system upgrades, significantly improving their access to water.
- **A community water system** was constructed to serve seven families, including two water catchments, a reservoir, a drilled-well type pump and household-level distribution infrastructure.
- **Capacity assessments** were conducted for each new participating family, each selected their productive activities and intervention plans were developed.
- **Five commercial strategies** and recommendations were identified for an added-value yerba mate market through an analysis of primary and secondary data.
- In the face of several challenges in the yerba mate market, a strategic partnership proposal is under discussion with a local company, Herencia, to aid yerba farmers in purchasing and marketing. Discussions will continue in Q3 and Q4.
- **13 training sessions** on agroforestry, beekeeping, horticulture and biodiversity were delivered, benefitting 83 attendees.



**June 2025  
2 de Abril Nursery,  
San Pedro**

**Case study**

Claudio Yarmuzko, nursery owner and a forestry engineer, showcased a yerba mate seedling propagated in a tube container. He explained the ongoing shift from bag-grown seedlings to tube cultivation, a costly process requiring upgrades to the nursery's infrastructure and workflows.

## »» Looking forward

Activities for July - December 2025 include:

- Beginning phase 2 of the project.
- Continuing to attend RTR online meetings, and presenting the project at the Argentinian Restoration Conference in November.
- Continuing with agroforestry, assisted natural regeneration and full planting activities, with planting beginning in September.
- Between Q3 and Q4, the project impact monitoring plan will be developed and subsequently validated by WeForest, FVS, and INTA for its implementation in Phase 2.
- Building on the value chain assessment, a strategic roadmap will be developed in Q4 to chart the course for delivering an added-value yerba mate business plan for local farmers by the conclusion of Phase 2 in late 2027.
- Beginning the implementation of the water access improvement measures for the new families.

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