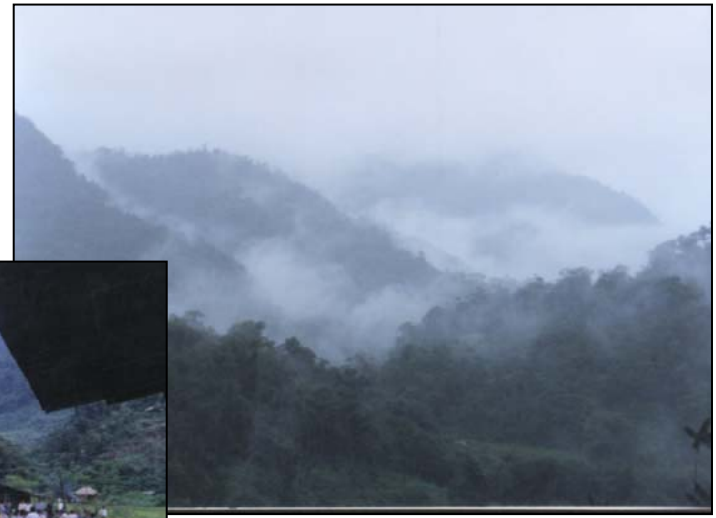
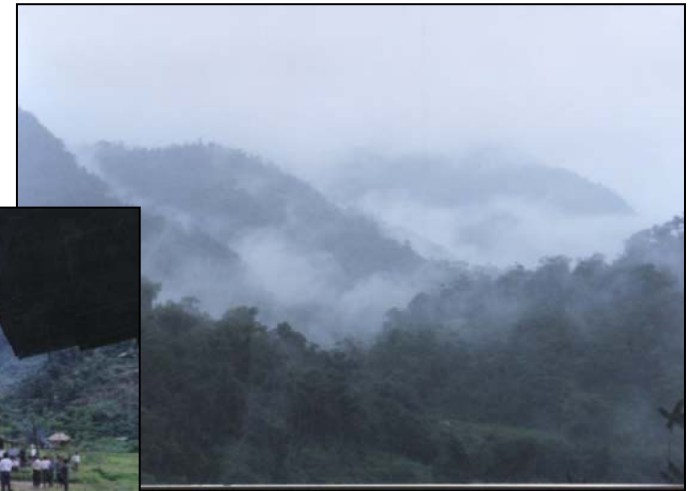


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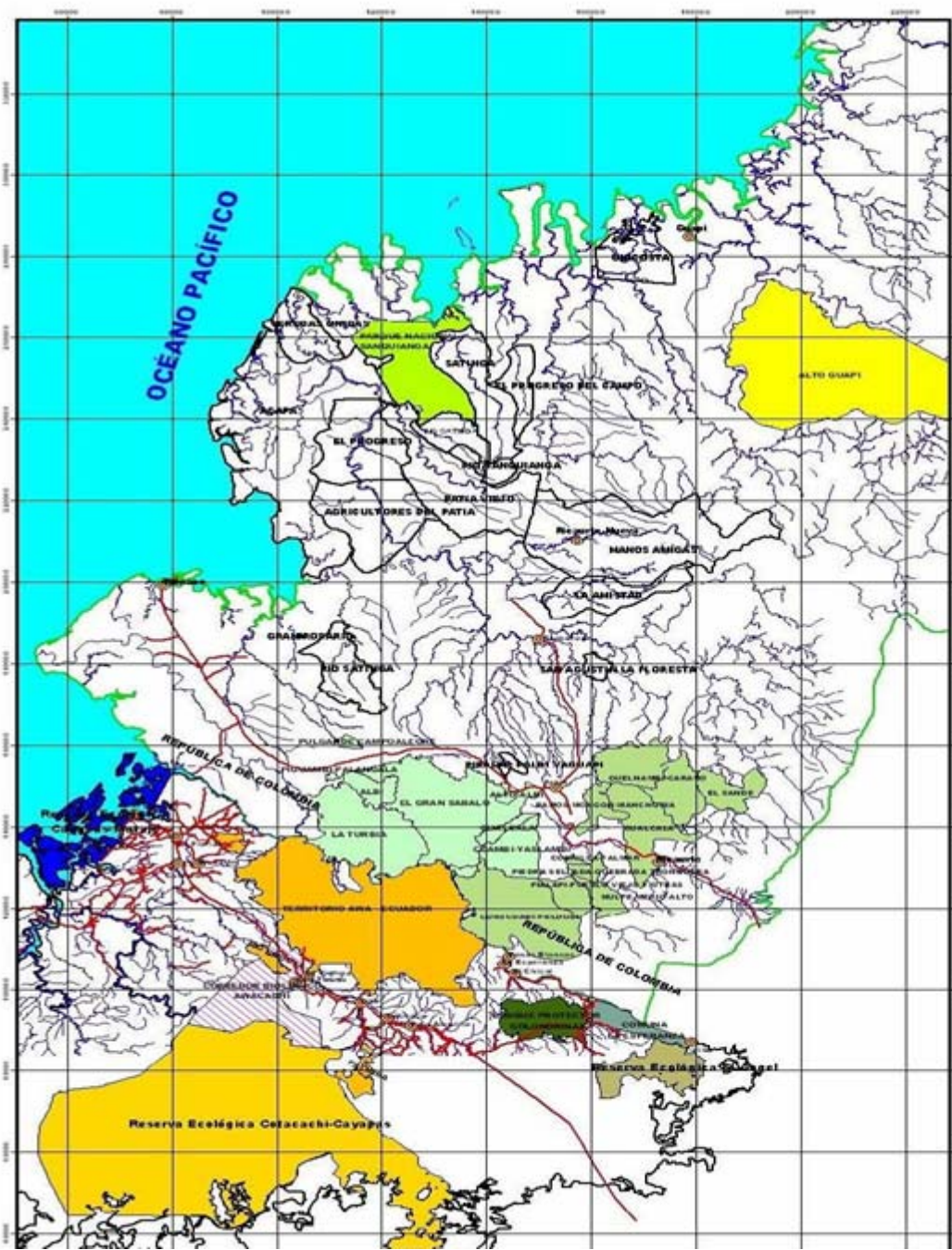
Social Impacts of Plantations

1. Disruption of traditional rights and patterns of Land Uses and reduction of cultural values
2. Displacement of rural populations
3. Environmental impacts also have socio-economic effects: reduction in quantity and quality of water resources for agriculture and local communities, soil erosion, loss of species which provide food and other uses for local populations
4. The myth of employment generation has been proved false: other LU's generate more employment comparatively

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“Is Ecuador a good example of the Future of Forest Plantations?”

**“Southern
Chocó
Ecoregion
Ecuador
and
Colombia”**



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- Abo Guapi
- Territorios colectivos afrodescendientes
- Parque Nacional Sanquianga
- Territorio Awa Unipa
- Territorio Awa Camasari
- Bosque P. Golondrina
- Territorio Awa FCAE
- Comuna La Esperanza
- República de Colombia
- República de Ecuador
- Océano Pacífico
- Reserva Ecológica Cayapas-Morona
- Reserva Ecológica Cotacachi-Cayapas
- Reserva Ecológica El Angel
- Centros Poblados
- Principales Vías
- Principales Ríos

FEDERACION DE CENTROS AWA DEL ECUADOR
 FUNDACION ALTROPICO
 MAPA:
 ZONA DE TRABAJO DE ALTROPICO
 ELABORADO:
 DEPARTAMENTO DE PLANEACION
 FECHA:
 MARZO 1998

“Is Ecuador a good example of the future of forest plantations?”

What’s happening now...

1. Indigenous, afro-descendant and campesinos are selling their lands to plantation companies. Many of these lands are ancestral
2. Poor farmer families to poor cities, unprepared to receive them
3. Groups invade untitled lands, creating tenure instability
4. Streams and rivers contaminated
5. Loss of natural resources – staples of traditional welfare (wood and non-wood forest products)
6. Increment in corruption of local & regional environmental authorities
7. In general – the quality of life of rural families in areas where plantations are being established has been affected tremendously

The future?

How to avoid repeating this scenario in the future...

ITTO's Guidelines for the Establishment of Sustainable Tropical Forests:

"... include comprehensive social and economic impact assessment procedures in all pre-planting feasibility investigations".

FSC' Social Strategy:

"Create a Task Force on 'social issues and plantations' and implement its recommendations".

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