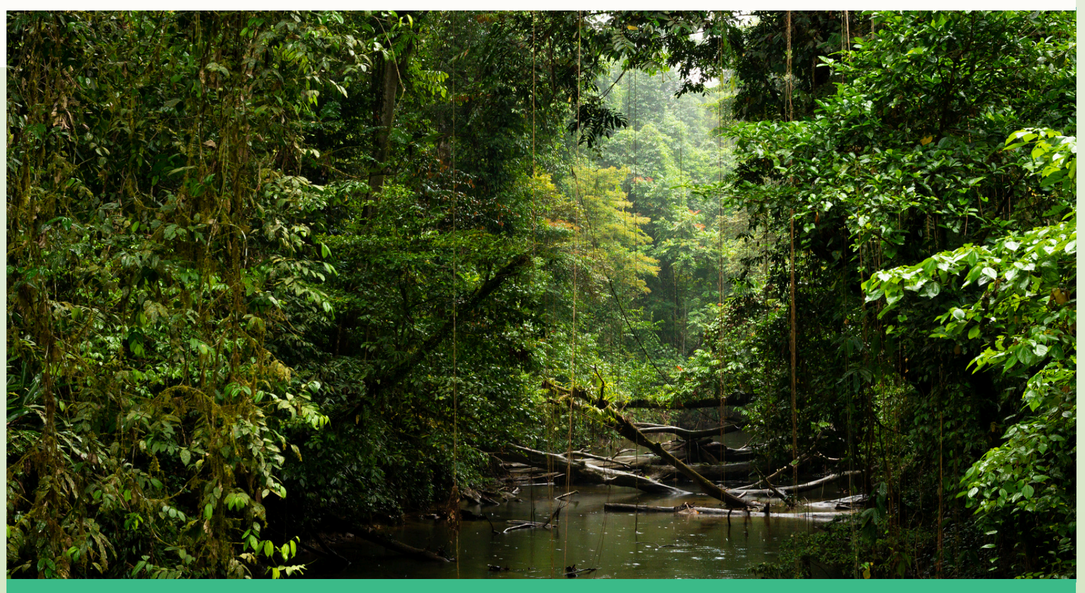
HIGH CONSERVATION VALUE AREAS (HCVA) IN OUR FOREST

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Some parts of the forest area in or adjacent to our community are important because they protect wildlife, water sources, soil, cultural sites, and resources that our community relies on. These special areas where they are found are called High Conservation Value Areas (HCVA). **Under MTCS, these areas must be identified, looked after carefully, and managed together with communities to keep them healthy.**



HCV 1 **Species diversity** – Rare, threatened, or endangered plants and wildlife. These species are identified through assessment and kept healthy and protected.



HCV 2 **Landscape-level ecosystems** – Large, connected forest ecosystems that allow wildlife to move and survive across the landscape. These areas are kept connected and healthy.



HCV 3 **Rare or threatened ecosystems and habitats** – Ecosystems that are naturally rare, or have become threatened due to conversion to other land uses. These are safeguarded from damage within the forest management unit.



HCV 4 **Ecosystem services** – Benefits like clean water, flood protection, or soil stability that the forest provides. These benefits are protected for both people and nature.



HCV 5 **Community needs** – Natural resources or forest products that local communities rely on. Communities are consulted on how these areas are managed.



HCV 6 **Cultural values** – Sites of cultural, historical, or spiritual significance to local communities. These are identified and protected together with communities.

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