Sulu. Sustainable Land Use

Land Use Change in Savannas and Grasslands. Approaches by Policy Engagement, Land Use Management and Zoning and Best Management Practices
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- Funding by IKI (International Climate Initiative)
- 4-year project (2016 –2020)
- Orinoquia in Colombia, Pantanal in Paraguay
- Unique Grassland and Savannah project jointly managed by WWF Colombia, Paraguay and Germany
- work in Orinoquia started 2010, Pantanal as new area for WWF
Main Goal: Climate smart land use management and zoning for Orinoquia and Pantanal, maintaining carbon, biodiversity and water regimes, and meeting sustainable agricultural production

Different pillars and strategies:
1. Mapping/ Land Use Planning, filling data gaps
2. Capacity building
3. Better Management Practices' (BMPs) for cattle ranching in flooded savannahs
4. Engagement with the financial sector
5. Information campaigns about the role of savannahs and grasslands
Why Grasslands and Savannas matter

- High – biodiversity ecoregions with amazing diversity of flora and fauna
- Carbon sequestration as „upside-down-forests“
- Only 4% protected
- Delivering ecosystem services (drinking water, flood protection, food security and many more )
- High cultural diversity and richness
- Traditional farming like the Llanero culture in the Orinoquia, World Heritage
- Indigenous communities and traditions like the Yshir in Paraguay
- High potential to produce and protect with ecosystem based management
Positioning Grasslands and Savannas

- This Global Grassland Dialogue Platform
- IUCN Motion for Grassland Protection
- Publication in Restoration Ecology; Grasslands and Savannas in the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration
- Side Event UNGA 74 in NY, Nature4Climate, Livestock and Grasslands Support for a 1.5 Degree Future
- Grasslands and Savannas - Forgotten Ecosystems? Workshop in Berlin, June 2019
- Press Trip, Communication material (video on farmers exchange)
- Presentation at Climate COP in Bonn (2017), …
South-South-North Exchange

- Capacity Building and knowledge exchange between Colombian and Parguayan teams, partners and stakeholders
- Exchange between farmers from Paraguay and Colombia
- Learning from each-other on communication, mapping, BMPs
- Connecting traditional, local knowledge, science and the productive sector
And now more from Colombia and Paraguay ...