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COMMITMENT TO THE AMAZON 2025

INTRODUCTION

From the heart of the Peruvian Amazon, where rivers shape life and knowledge flows through generations, Delfin Amazon Cruises presents its Commitment to the Amazon 2025.

This document reflects more than a year in review. It expresses a way of inhabiting the territory—one rooted in respect, responsibility, and regeneration. Every journey, every decision, and every partnership is guided by a single belief: that true luxury is found in care, intention, and reciprocity with the natural and cultural systems that sustain us.

Our commitment goes beyond sustainability. It is an active process of restoration, collaboration, and learning—where biodiversity, ancestral knowledge, and community well-being are deeply interconnected. Through science, craftsmanship, responsible operations, and long-term alliances, we seek not only to reduce our impact, but to contribute positively to the Amazon we call home.

This report shares the actions, progress, and aspirations that shape our regenerative path, honoring the river, the forest, and the people who make this journey possible.







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1. MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDERS

IQUITOS, PERU

From the heart of the Amazon, where the waters of the Marañón and Ucayali converge, Delfin Amazon Cruises continues to evolve quietly, intentionally, and in harmony with the river that has shaped our story.

In 2006, Aldo Macchiavello and Lissy Urteaga dreamed of creating a journey that honored both purpose and life, one that invited travelers to feel the pulse of the forest while uplifting the communities that call it home. Nearly two decades later, that dream flows stronger than ever. 2025 has marked a new chapter for Delfin: a year of biocultural restoration, scientific collaboration, and community renewal. It is the beginning of a regenerative movement.

This report celebrates the collective effort behind that promise: the continuation and enrichment of a weaving tradition led by women's artisan associations; chefs who transform regional ingredients into stories of flavor; and our new sustainability program, which invites native communities to voluntarily participate in restoring their territory, culture and well-being while integrating environmental principles to mitigate our impact on climate change. It also highlights collaboration with local conservation actors and how our naturalist guides deepen their knowledge through capacity-building programs and engage our travelers, whose curiosity fuels our conservation commitment.

At Delfin, we believe that luxury is not about excess, but about intention, about choosing to listen, to care, to restore. Each decision, from the materials we craft to the partnerships we nurture, is guided by a single vision: to leave no trace in our rivers and communities, and to elevate each experience.

As members of Relais & Châteaux in association with UNESCO, we embrace their global commitments to sustainability with humanity and their heritage principles, as well as the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and the Glasgow Declaration on Climate Action in Tourism.

We move forward with gratitude, to the people and biodiversity of the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve, to our partners and guests, and to every hand and heart that makes Delfin possible.

Because the Amazon is not a destination to be visited; it is our home to be honored.

*Aldo Macchiavello and Lissy Urteaga
Founders, Delfin Amazon Cruises*







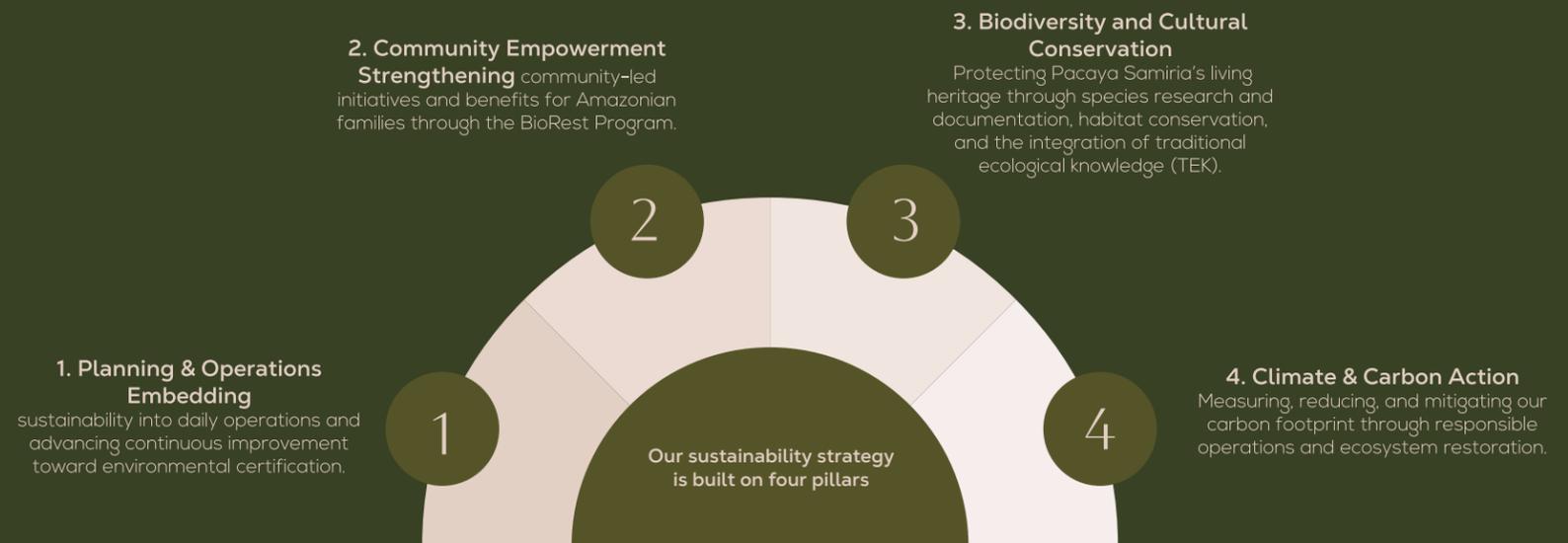




2. OUR COMMITMENT TO THE AMAZON

“WOVEN BY NATURE, CRAFTED FOR YOU” IS NOT ONLY OUR MANTRA. IT IS THE LIVING EXPRESSION OF OUR COMMITMENT TO THE AMAZON.

We are unique in Perú for one essential reason: we operate exclusively in the Amazon, not as a backdrop but as a living relationship with the territory. Every voyage, every vessel, every decision is born of the river, the forest, and its people. Our commitment extends beyond traditional sustainability. We believe in active restoration: sustaining what weakens, revitalizing what can flourish, and transmitting knowledge to future generations. We call this biocultural regeneration, the simultaneous restoration of biodiversity and the ancestral wisdom that sustains Amazonian life. In 2025, we strengthened this approach through alignment with the twelve commitments of Relais & Châteaux, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and the Glasgow Declaration on Climate Action in Tourism, so that every journey gives back to the home that gives us everything.







3. 2025 HIGHLIGHTS



ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

1,700 native plants distributed across a 172-hectare restoration corridor along the communities of San Francisco, Amazonas, and Puerto Prado.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Through the BioRest Program, we have signed collaboration agreements with three communities, committing to a long-term restoration process integrated into their life plans. Eighteen families are voluntarily participating and are receiving capacity, building workshops in agroforestry and horticulture.



BIODIVERSITY MONITORING

Two citizen science programs designed for launch in 2026.

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Ongoing support for women-led artisan associations throughout the Amazon.



LOCAL SOURCING

Eighty percent of culinary ingredients purchased from regional producers.



HUMAN TEAM

Ninety-nine percent of staff are Peruvian, with approximately thirty percent of leadership positions held by women.









4. BIOREST

BIOCULTURAL RESTORATION PROGRAM

BioRest is Delfin's flagship program within its Commitment to the Amazon. Launched in July 2025 along the Marañón River, it brings together the communities of San Francisco, Amazonas, and Puerto Prado in voluntary collaboration.

During the first phase, 1,680 native plants were delivered. By 2026, more than 3,000 trees and shrubs will have been planted.

BioRest integrates agroforestry systems, ethnobotanical orchards, community field schools, species-level conservation and the recovery of traditional knowledge. It combines biodiversity conservation with social well-being and economic resilience, restoring the biocultural continuity between people, plants, and territory.











5. RESEARCH AND BIODIVERSITY MONITORING



Delfín continues to support long-term research with ProDelphinus on Amazon river dolphins. Our vessels serve as floating research platforms, and beginning in 2026, guests and guides will participate as citizen scientists. Wildlife observations collected during excursions will be shared with SERNANP and international databases such as eBird and iNaturalist, contributing to the management plan of the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve and to global knowledge of Amazonian biodiversity.

As part of our Biodiversity Monitoring efforts, a biological baseline inventory of birds and botany has been conducted to inform the BioRest program. In addition, our first thesis researcher will begin studying butterfly diversity in the Community of Puerto Prado, conducting the first inventory of diurnal butterflies as a foundation for habitat restoration under the BioRest Program.





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6. EMISSIONS AND CARBON FOOTPRINT PROGRAM



IN 2025, DELFIN AMAZON CRUISES LAUNCHED ITS CARBON FOOTPRINT PROGRAM, A TECHNICAL AND ETHICAL INITIATIVE TO MEASURE AND MANAGE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS ACROSS ALL OPERATIONS.

Following the Relais & Châteaux framework, Delfin uses the “My Impact” platform to compile and analyze emissions in hospitality, logistics, and river operations. Complementary analysis following IPCC methodologies established the baseline for Delfin’s decarbonization plan, aligned with Peru’s national climate commitments and our regenerative vision: to give back more than we take.

Our next steps include completing the footprint analysis, improving energy efficiency, and exploring renewable energy integration.

7. LIVING CULTURE AND COMMUNITY CONNECTION

For twenty years, Delfin has nurtured respectful and continuous relationships with the riverine communities of the Peruvian Amazon, grounded in reciprocity and shared growth.

A cornerstone of this relationship is the collaboration with women's artisan associations who transform chambira fiber into intricate crafts sold onboard, creating fair income while preserving ancestral knowledge.

Cultural connection is also present in everyday gestures. Our guides and crew share the stories and myths of the Amazon, keeping oral traditions and worldviews alive for future generations.

EDUCATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING

In 2025, Delfin's naturalist guides completed specialized training in environmental education, cultural interpretation, and citizen science, strengthening their roles as ambassadors of the territory.

That same year, Delfin's crew received certification from Save the Children International in safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, reinforcing our commitment to ethics, safety, and community well-being.

These initiatives cultivate a culture of continuous learning, where knowledge and empathy intertwine to strengthen the relationship between tourism, education, and conservation.

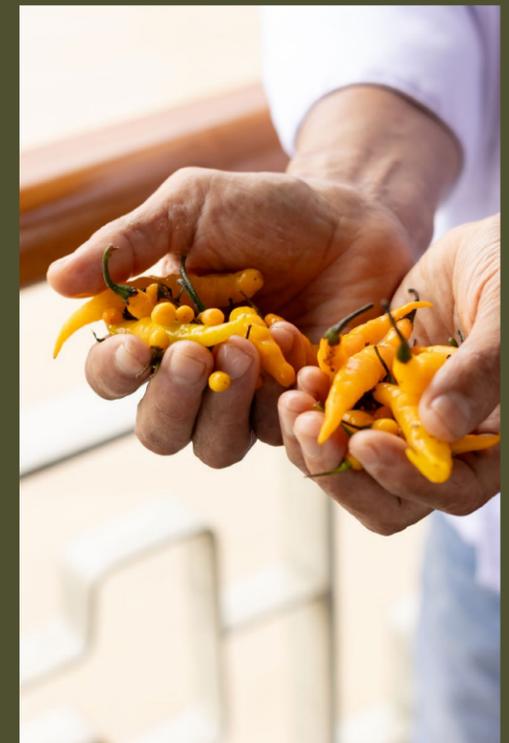






8. GASTRONOMY AND RESPONSIBLE SOURCING

Inspired by the philosophy of Relais & Châteaux, Delfin's cuisine celebrates seasonality and ethical sourcing. In 2025, eighty percent of ingredients came from regional producers, with future plans to include crops from the BioRest program in our culinary offering.









9. A CULTURE OF CARE

Ninety-nine percent of our team members are Peruvian, most from the Loreto region. Approximately thirty percent of leadership positions are held by women. Our organizational culture is founded on respect, learning, and well-being.



10. LOOKING AHEAD: GOALS FOR 2026



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In 2026, Delfin Amazon Cruises reaffirms that its Commitment to the Amazon is not an end, but a living process. A journey guided by science and sensitivity, by community and care, by memory and vision for the future.

This work is made possible by the people of the Amazon—scientists, artisans, partners, travelers and Delfin's team who remind us that to honor the river is to live in reciprocity with it.

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