

Considering the above, any forest program of real value for Peru, must be developed from within the country. Assistance is needed and can be given by experienced experts who will help to avoid some obvious mistakes that other countries have made.

Only in recent years has Peru set up Government departments to aid the development of the forestry industry. As a result there has been some impressive expansion in the industry with many more harvesting operations getting started and a number of sawmills and plywood mills opening up.

Experts indicate that development must grow on a unified basis. Limited and controlled productive forestry should proceed hand-in-hand with the expansion and modification of training programs. Danger arises when the production side of the program is allowed to expand to the point of massive exploitation before adequate controls have been instituted to prevent irreparable damage. In this respect, the Canadian International Development Agency technical assistance in the Pichis Palcatzu (1982-1984) project, proved to be very useful in implementing educational and training programs to allow adequate control and rational development of the Peruvian forestry industry.

Opportunities in the Equipment Market

There is definite market in Peru for the following equipment:

- Skidders
- Fork lifts
- Chainsaws
- Rigging and tools
- Chain
- Portable sawmills
- Kilns
- Waste burners(waste wood fueled boiler systems in the size range from 5 HP to 35 HP).
- Small band mills

Moderate market prospects

- Yarders and aerial ropeways.
- Boom boats (prefer barges on rivers)
- Conveyors
- Veneer and plywood equipment