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The Roadmap towards Nature Credits¹ sets out a stepwise, exploratory process to examine how high-integrity nature credits could complement public funding in rewarding nature-positive action. This preparatory work focuses primarily on the EU context, while reflecting the international dimension under the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework². In parallel, under the Regulation on Carbon Removals and Carbon Farming (CRCF)³, the Commission will develop methodologies for the certification of carbon farming activities, including their biodiversity co-benefits. The Commission will take stock of existing evidence to assess the need for scaling up nature credit markets.

The Roadmap refers to a range of pilots within and beyond the EU, designed to test practical approaches and gather evidence. One of them is carried out in Peru⁴ with local authorities and partners. It examines how EU-based companies may support nature-positive action abroad.

The Roadmap stresses that all work must ensure transparency, integrity and social safeguards, and that knowledge and practices by Indigenous Peoples and local communities must be meaningfully included, with full respect for their rights, knowledge systems, and roles as stewards of biodiversity. This approach shaped the pilot project in Peru, involving Peruvian communities and indigenous people from the outset to identify enabling conditions for responsible, high-integrity biodiversity finance.

¹ <https://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/env/items/892839/>.

² <https://www.cbd.int/gbf>.

³ https://climate.ec.europa.eu/eu-action/carbon-removals-and-carbon-farming_en.

⁴ The Peru Pilot is one concrete action deriving from the Letter of Intent signed at the COP16 between the Commission and the Peruvian Government. More information on the pilot in the National Park Sierra del Divisor.