

Registration Form

ACI Latin America and Caribbean Green Airport recognition 2025

Submission deadline: September 5, 2025



ACI-LAC will send an acknowledgment of receipt via email after receiving each form.

• Participating Airport Information

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Project website (if applicable): <https://eldorado.aero/> - <https://www.opain.co/>

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• Recognition conditions

I accept that the information provided (executive summary and graphics/images) be published at the discretion of ACI-LAC.



Biodiversity and Nature-Based Solutions (NbS)

The **Green Airports Recognition 2025** offers a valuable platform for airports across Latin America and the Caribbean to showcase their successful efforts in biodiversity preservation and the implementation of Nature-Based Solutions (NbS) within the aviation sector. Initiatives may include (but not limited to) wetland restoration and creation, restoring ecosystems, and leveraging NbS for carbon removal. Examples of eligible practices range from in-house horticulture and airport nurseries, plantation for carbon reduction and community benefits, ecological rejuvenation of wetlands, marine life conservation efforts led by airports, and basket of measures for biodiversity.

Important note: Projects currently under implementation are eligible, provided they are mature enough to produce measurable, quantitative outcomes in accordance with the evaluation criteria. **Participating airports or airport groups may submit only one (1) project**

- **Evaluation**

Each application evaluated must meet the following recognition criteria:

- 1. Involvement of the airport's senior management**

Demonstrate active participation and endorsement from airport senior management during any phase of the project's development or implementation.

- 2. Sustainability Benefit**

Detailed description of the sustainability benefits of the project/program supported by quantitative data and objective sustainability indicators where possible.

Indicate the level to which the project contributes to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

- 3. Stakeholder Engagement**

Present evidence of collaboration with internal teams and external partners—such as government agencies, NGOs, community groups, or industry stakeholders—in the planning and execution of the initiative

- 4. Innovation**

Demonstrate that the project/program exceeds standard industry practices.

In addition, ACI-LAC will present a Special Recognition to the project demonstrating exceptional achievement. To be eligible, the participating airport must hold accreditation at any level within the Airport Carbon Accreditation (ACA) program.

The weighting of the criteria for special recognition is indicated below:

1. Involvement of the airport's senior management (20%)
2. Sustainability Benefit (30%)
3. Stakeholder Engagement (30%)
4. Innovation (20%)

- **Instructions to participate.**

Complete and submit the form with the project information in MS Word and send to fmedela@aci-lac.aero before **September 05, 2025**.

1. Summary Executive (maximum 350 words)

Please include an Executive Summary of the project in a maximum of 350 words. In case your project meets the criteria of the ACI-LAC *Green Airport Recognition*, this Executive Summary will be included in the Best Environmental Practices Document that seeks to promote best practices that minimize the impact of airports on the environment, in addition to recognizing the achievements of airports in the region in their environmental projects.

El Dorado International Airport recognizes the importance of biodiversity and the shared responsibility for its care and preservation. For this reason, we have established three strategic partnerships that strengthen our contribution to the conservation of strategic ecosystems and Colombia's fauna and flora. These synergies are an example of how collaboration among different stakeholders contributes to a common goal: protecting nature.

First, we have an alliance with the Bogotá District Secretariat of Environment, focused on preventing and addressing situations related to the illegal trafficking of wild flora and fauna. As one of the country's largest and most international airports, moving approximately 36 million passengers by the end of 2024, there is a risk that such practices may be attempted within our facilities. Through training programs, response protocols, and awareness campaigns, we aim to strengthen a culture of protection for wildlife and plants among our airport community, suppliers, visitors, and passengers.

Second, we work with Colombia's National Natural Parks on initiatives aimed at conserving ecosystems of high ecological importance, promoting the value of protected areas and biodiversity as a natural heritage of the country.

Finally, we maintain a partnership with the Jaime Duque Park, focused on the protection and conservation of the Andean condor, an emblematic and vulnerable species. This collaboration drives environmental education projects and direct actions that encourage citizen engagement in conservation efforts.

Through these partnerships, the airport has consolidated a comprehensive program that includes training for employees and contractors, the dissemination of images and educational content, awareness campaigns for passengers and visitors, as well as providing access and resources to allied entities.

With these actions, we reaffirm our commitment to generating a positive impact on biodiversity, understanding that sustainability is not an individual effort, but rather a collective endeavor in which every stakeholder contributes to a common good: the preservation of the environment.

2. Project Background (maximum 150 words)

Please describe the background of the project or program (Why was it necessary to develop this project/program?)

The illegal trafficking of wildlife, the loss of strategic ecosystems, and the threat to vulnerable species represent significant environmental challenges for Colombia and the world. In this context, El Dorado Airport, as the country's main gateway, recognized the need to take an active role in protecting biodiversity. Its strategic location and the scale of its operations make the airport a critical setting both for preventing environmental crimes and for promoting conservation. This led to the creation of partnerships with specialized entities that share the same purpose: protecting wildlife, conserving strategic ecosystems, and fostering environmental education among diverse audiences.

3. Project scope (maximum 50 words)

Describe the area of implementation of the project, for example: area of operations, terminal, the entire airport, etc ; as well as agents involved in it: airport staff, other *stakeholders* , NGOs , environmental groups, etc.

The program is implemented throughout the airport, including both operational areas and the terminal. It involves employees, suppliers, contractors, passengers, and visitors, in coordination with the District Secretariat of Environment, National Natural Parks, and Jaime Duque Park.

4. Project Description (maximum 100 words)

Describe how the project was implemented.

The project was implemented through the formalization of partnerships with key environmental entities. Training sessions were carried out for the airport community, response protocols were developed for cases of wildlife trafficking, awareness campaigns were conducted for passengers, and educational materials were disseminated. Likewise, the conservation of the Andean condor and the appreciation of protected ecosystems were promoted. The initiative was further strengthened through joint outreach activities and by providing resources and access to support the work of partner organizations.

5. Project results and benefits (maximum 300 words)

Describe the results of the project highlighting its achievements. Please emphasize data, for example: cost savings, recognized environmental benefits, evidence of innovation, etc.

The implementation of these partnerships has enabled El Dorado Airport to achieve significant results in biodiversity protection. In terms of preventing illegal wildlife trafficking, 97 training sessions have been conducted and 3,501 people—including contractors, suppliers, and users—have been trained since the beginning of the partnership, strengthening response capacity to potential situations. In addition, response protocols have been established to ensure swift and coordinated action with the environmental authority. With regard to the conservation of strategic ecosystems, joint work with National Natural Parks has enhanced the visibility of protected areas, raising awareness among the airport community and thousands of passengers about the importance of preserving biodiversity.

Meanwhile, the partnership with Jaime Duque Park has driven environmental education programs and campaigns aimed at visitors and users, highlighting the value of the Andean condor as a flagship species and promoting actions for its protection.

The benefits of these actions are reflected in greater environmental awareness within the airport community, reduced risks associated with wildlife trafficking, and the strengthened reputation of the airport as a benchmark in sustainability and environmental responsibility. In this way, the initiative contributes to the Sustainable Development Goals and global conservation targets, demonstrating that the coordination of efforts among different stakeholders is key to protecting Colombia's natural heritage.

6. Graphics and Images (maximum 4)

Include a maximum of 4 graphs, including tables or photographs, with a brief description. This information will also be included in the Best Environmental Practices Document.

Partnership with Parque Jaime Duque – Images



Partnership with Secretaria Distrital de Ambiente – Images

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CAPACITACIÓN

La Secretaría Distrital de Ambiente y el Aeropuerto Internacional El Dorado te invita a participar en la jornada de capacitación:

LA COMUNIDAD AEROPORTUARIA EN ACCIÓN CONTRA EL

TRÁFICO ILEGAL DE VIDA SILVESTRE

Aprenderás sobre:

- La Secretaría Distrital de Ambiente como autoridad ambiental en Bogotá.
- Recurso fauna y flora silvestre
- Normatividad ambiental para la protección de especies silvestres (movilización y comercialización legal)
- Tráfico ilegal – Campañas de protección de especies silvestres
- Cómo detectar casos sospechosos y cómo proceder

FECHA LÍMITE DE INSCRIPCIÓN: 30 MARZO

FECHA, HORA Y MODALIDAD: Abril 2024 – abierto a disponibilidad y facilidad de la empresa

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