

La Amistad, PAN

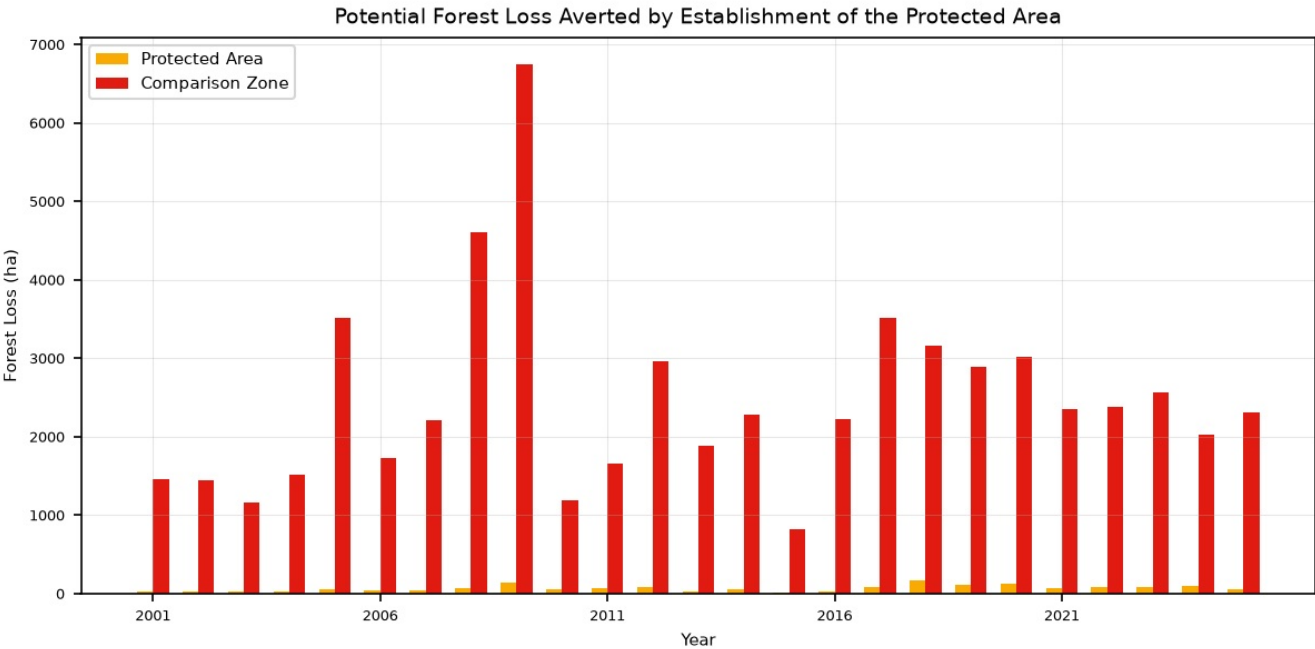
Forest Loss 2001–2025



Image of protected area and/or unique wildlife

Overview of site (≈200 words)

La Amistad lies in Panama, covering 216,493 hectares and designated IUCN II. The surrounding comparison area — a 40 km terrestrial buffer excluding other protected areas — spans 7,108 km².



Interpretation of Results (≈200 words)

Over the 2001–2025 study period, La Amistad lost 61.6% of its forest cover on a normalized mean-loss-year basis, compared to 56.8% for the 40 km comparison zone, yielding a treatment effect of roughly 4.8% reduced loss inside the protected area (equal to approximately 1.2 years of forest life saved). A canopy-height similarity of 60.6% indicates the comparison area is structurally well-matched to the protected forest.

Key Results

Protected Area Loss	61.6%
Comparison Zone Loss	56.8%
Treatment Effect	4.8%
Canopy Similarity	60.6%
Years Saved (est.)	1.2

Conclusion (≈100 words)

Protection status in La Amistad appears to have been largely effective at limiting deforestation within site boundaries. The protected area experienced 61.6% forest loss compared to 56.8% in the comparison area over the 2001–2025 study period.

Data Sources / Credits

- WDPA: World Database on Protected Areas — PA boundaries
- GFW/UMD: Hansen Global Forest Change v1.13 — tree cover loss (30 m)
- NASA FIRMS: MODIS TERRA/AQUA fire detections
- GSHHG v2.3.7: coastline mask for terrestrial clipping
- Natural Earth: basemap for geographic context