

MAAP #192: Confirming Deforestation by Mennonites in the Peruvian Amazon

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(<https://www.maaprogram.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/maaproject.org-maap-192-confirming-deforestation-by-mennonites-in-the-peruvian-amazon-Panel-A-SS-Chipiar-Ago23-v2-Intro.jpg>)

Example of recent 2023 deforestation of primary Amazon forest by Mennonite colony. Data: Planet (Skysat).

In a series of reports, we have documented the recent **massive deforestation by Mennonite colonies** in the **Peruvian Amazon** (see MAAP #188 (<https://www.maaprogram.org/2023/mennonites-peru/>)).

Here, we present additional evidence that Mennonites are currently clearing primary Amazon forests: **very high-resolution satellite imagery** (0.5 meters from Planet's Skysat fleet).

Specifically, we compare a series of very high-resolution satellite images tasked over the same area on different dates across three different Mennonite colonies (Chipiar, Providencia, and Vanderland), located in the regions of Loreto and Ucayali (see Base Map in the Annex).

These images conclusively **confirm that Mennonites are actively clearing primary forest across multiple sites** in the Peruvian Amazon during recent weeks in 2023.

Chipiar Colony

The following image serves as a base map of the recent deforestation in the Chipiar Mennonite colony, located on the border between Loreto and Ucayali.

Insets A-C correspond to the zooms below.

In each of these zooms, we compare very high-resolution images (0.5 meters) obtained in **August 2022** (left panels) and **July 2023** (right panels).



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Base Map – Chipiar Mennonite Colony. Data: Planet (Skysat), ACA (MAAP)



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Zoom A. Chipiar Mennonite Colony. Data: Planet (Skysat)



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Zoom C. Chipiar Mennonite Colony. Data: Planet (Skysat)

Providencia Colony

The following image serves as a base map of the recent deforestation in the Providencia Mennonite colony, located in Loreto.

Insets A-C correspond to the zooms below.

In each of these zooms, we compare very high-resolution images (0.5 meters) obtained in **September 2022** (left panels) and **August 2023** (right panels).

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Base Map – Providencia Mennonite Colony. Data: Planet (Skysat), ACA (MAAP)

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Zoom A. Providencia Mennonite Colony. Data: Planet (Skysat)

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Zoom B. Providencia Mennonite Colony. Data: Planet (Skysat)

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Zoom C. Providencia Mennonite Colony. Data: Planet (Skysat)

Vanderland Colony

The following image serves as a base map of the recent deforestation in the Vanderland Mennonite colony, also located in Loreto. Insets A-D correspond to the zooms below. In each of these zooms, we compare very high-resolution images (0.5 meters) obtained in **July 2023** (left panels) and **September 2023** (right panels).

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Base Map – Vanderland Mennonite Colony. Data: Planet (Skysat), ACA (MAAP)

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Zoom A. Vanderland Mennonite Colony. Data: Planet (Skysat)

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Zoom B. Vanderland Mennonite Colony. Data: Planet (Skysat)

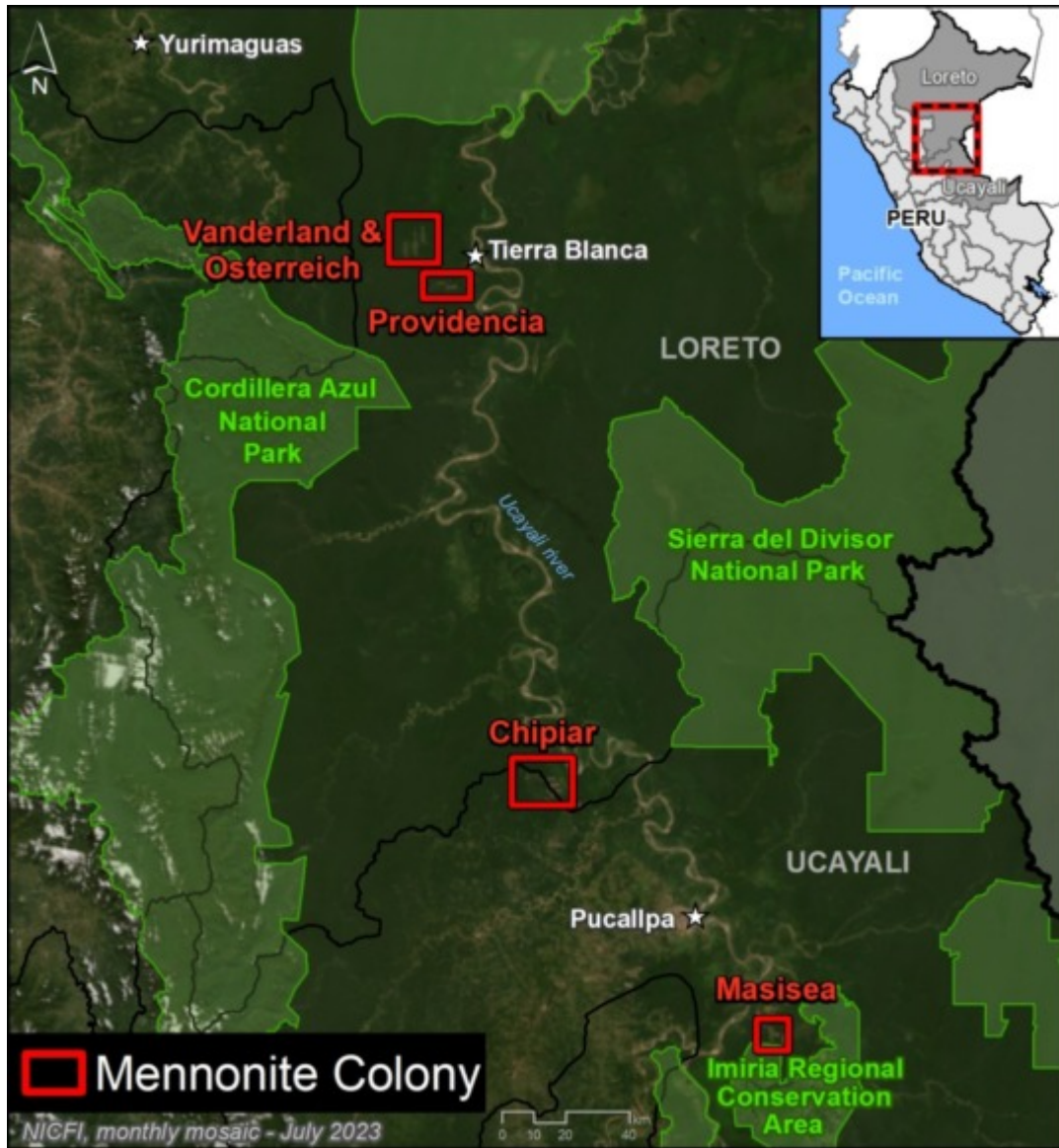
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Zoom C. Vanderland Mennonite Colony. Data: Planet (Skysat)

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Zoom A. Vanderland Mennonite Colony. Data: Planet (Skysat)

Annex – Base Map of Mennonite Colonies in the Peruvian Amazon



(<https://www.maaprogram.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/maaproject.org-maap-188-mennonite-colonies-continue-major-deforestation-in-the-peruvian-amazon-BaseMap-PAs-Mennonites-Peru-Eng-200dpi.jpg>)

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