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**Nationality:** Peruvian  
**Starting-Ending year:**  
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**Current Country**

**Location:**

Peru

**Bachelor's degree:**

Agronomy Engineering

**Master's degree in progress:**

Sustainable Agriculture

**Institution/University:**

Universidad Nacional Agraria La Molina/Perú

## What is agrobiodiversity for you?

It is the variety and variability of plants, animals, micro-organisms and farming practices that underpin agri-food systems. It includes cultivated species, and their wild relatives, as well as associated traditional knowledge. It is key to resilience, food security and adaptation to climate change.

## Why did you choose to work on this topic?

I decided to work on agrobiodiversity because it represents the basis for food security, adaptation to climate change and the cultural identity of indigenous peoples. In Peru, it is a living heritage at risk from agricultural homogenisation. I see a concrete opportunity to generate technical tools, such as ABDI, that strengthen its monitoring, valuation and conservation, articulating science, public policies and ancestral knowledge for a more sustainable and equitable agricultural development.

## What do you expect to achieve with this master?

I hope to strengthen my technical and analytical skills to design and implement sustainable agrobiodiversity management strategies. The master's degree provides me with scientific, methodological and innovation tools that allow me to link research with public policy. I aspire to apply this knowledge to strengthen Peru's Agrobiodiversity Zones, promoting resilient, equitable and sustainable agri-food systems, based on respect for local knowledge and the conservation of our genetic resources. I also seek to contribute to an agriculture that faces the challenges of climate change and biodiversity loss.

