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1. Project Overview

Objective: To integrate, diffuse, and exchange information with government organizations, NGOs, networks, interested persons, and national and international centers of agricultural research that execute projects oriented to the conservation of natural resources and rural development.

Gains. A regional Network (The Ecoregional Network for Latin American) linking organizations and people in Latin America related with the conservation of natural resources and rural development. The Network serves as a mechanism to exchange information as a forum to analyze issues of common interest and as a tool to implement joint work among countries.

Milestones

- 1999 Establishment of the Ecoregional Network. Development of Project assessment tools. Support to other CGIAR Projects on planning, monitoring, and evaluation. Organization of a regional Workshop to share experiences and extract lessons about rural development processes led by communities.
- 2000 Routine operation of the Ecoregional Network. Project monitoring and evaluation training. Case studies on natural resources and sustainable development monitoring published. Development and validation of institutional assessment tools started. Organization of a regional workshop to share experiences and extract lessons on innovative funding mechanism for rural development processes. Publication of workshop findings.
- 2001 Routine operation of the Ecoregional Network. Elaboration and diffusion of the evaluative survey of REDECO services. First phase of the documentation of the Directory of Experts. New REDECO Web Page in accordance with the new institutional design. Organization of and participation in national and international events. Elaboration of interactive multi-media material (CD-ROM) of the Proceedings of the Course on Marketing and Commercialization of Organic Products organized by Development of Rural Agro-enterprises Project and EARTH College with the support of the Ecoregional Network.
- 2002 Routine operation of the Ecoregional Network. Results of the evaluative survey of REDECO services. Workshops on exchange of experiences, electronic Fora, discussion of articles with interchange of opinions and publication of result (funds to be sought). Web page with new institutional design in Spanish and English. Elaboration of the second phase of the Directory of Experts. Elaboration of interactive multi-media material (CD-ROM) of the Proceedings of the I Workshop of Exchange of Experiences and Lessons Learned (funds to be sought). Local and regional presentations on the services offered by the Network.

2. Project Work Breakdown Structure

The Eco-regional Program for Tropical Latin America has remained without a leader since the departure of Alejandro Imbach last year. Responsibility for the Eco-regional Network has remained with Liliana Rojas in charge. This is the work reported on here. Thus we include an adjusted work breakdown structure and logframe, and not those from the mid-term plan, because they are not relevant to Networking.

We are looking for ways of capitalizing on this excellent Network as a means of contacting our stakeholders. At present, the Network works in isolation, but we would like to bring it into a wider plan and strategy linked to the projects PE-3 and PE-4.

3. Project Logframe

ECOREGIONAL NETWORK FOR TROPICAL LATIN AMERICA LOGFRAME 2001-2003

PURPOSE/OUTPUTS	INDICATORS	MEANS OF VERIFICATION
<p>OUTPUT 1. PARTNERSHIPS</p> <p>Government and nongovernmental organizations (GOs and NGOs), networks, interested persons, and national and international agricultural research centers exchange information related to the management and conservation of natural resources and rural development.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecoregional Network operational and active • 840 new members of the network • Diffusion of Information supplied by Network members and CIAT projects • Exchange of information and collaboration with CIAT projects, other networks and CGIAR centers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports from partner organizations
<p>OUTPUT 2. EXCHANGE</p> <p>CGIAR Centers, rural development organizations, and national and regional networks actively exchange methods, products, and experiences</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange of information via E-mail and Web page with GOs, NGOs, networks, interested persons, and national and international agricultural research centers • Exchange of information and experiences through regional and local meetings with those responsible for some information Networks of Latin America 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports from partner organizations • Workshop Proceedings • Publications • Ecoregional Network Web site contents
<p>OUTPUT 3. RESEARCH</p> <p>Evaluative survey of the services offered by the Ecoregional Net</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elaboration, diffusion, and analysis of the evaluative survey of the services offered by the Net 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research reports • Presentation of results at the 2nd Meeting of Information Nets • Publication of results via the Net's Web page
<p>OUTPUT 4. INTERNATIONAL PROJECTION</p> <p>Participation in, and organization of, local and regional events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in, and organization of, regional meetings of Latin American networks of information • Participation in, and organization of, local itinerant Workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings proceedings • Trip reports • Publications
<p>OUTPUT 5. CIAT ACTIVITIES</p> <p>CIAT management requirements are fulfilled by the Ecoregional Network</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of Annual Report • Preparation of Annual Workplan • Performance Evaluation • Coordination of the Ecoregional Network 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report • Annual workplan • Performance evaluation forms • Net directories and report on the number of messages sent via the Net

LOGFRAME OUTPUT 1: Ecoregional Network partnerships

MILESTONE	ADVANCE up to 30 Oct. 2001	TEAM
<p>Ecoregional Directory of the Ecoregional Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed. Publication available. 340 entries fully documented. 840 E-mail entries. • First phase of the elaboration of the Net's Directory of Experts. 	<p>100% 30%</p>	<p>L Rojas J Correa</p>
<p>Proposal for activities with InfoAndina-CONDESAN and CIP</p> <p>Implement a Virtual Fair of promising products of the region, with the purpose of making known the existing world of biodiversity and attracting the attention of financiers who wish to support the development of these products.</p>	<p>10%</p>	<p>L Rojas AM Ponce S Salas</p>
<p>Activities with CONDESAN and CORPOICA</p> <p>Itinerant workshops: Workshops coordinated by the CONDESAN-InfoAndina, CORPOICA-REDEPAPA, and REDECO-CIAT Nets, held in Palmira, Tunja, and Bogotá.</p>	<p>100%</p>	<p>L Rojas AM Ponce JL Alonso</p>
<p>Activities with the CIAT Communications Unit and CONDESAN-InfoAndina</p> <p>II Meeting of the Information Networks for the Sustainable Development of Latin America, Mérida, Venezuela, 28-30 November 2001.</p>	<p>50%</p>	<p>L Rojas N Russell A Ponce</p>
<p>Proposal for collaborative work with CIAT's SN-1 Agroenterprise Project and EARTH college</p> <p>Support in elaborating the interactive multimedia material (CD-ROM) of the Proceedings of the Course on Marketing and Commercialization of Organic Products</p>		<p>R. Best M. Lundy A. Carpio J. Correa L. Rojas S. Cook</p>

LOGFRAME OUTPUT 2: Exchange

<p>Exchange of information, experiences, methodologies, lessons learned, and tools with the Ecoregional Network members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> About 600 messages sent to Net members via E-mail and Web page Adaptation of the REDECO Web page contents and design in accord with the new institutional Web page version 	<p>100% 60%</p>	<p>L Rojas J Correa</p>
<p>Alliances with Latin American information networks to improve services, train mutually, and develop strategies for sustainability.</p> <p>1st Meeting of Information Nets for the Agricultural and Rural Development of Latin America. November 2000 in Santiago de Chile. 18 Latin American Nets participated.</p>	<p>100%</p>	<p>L Rojas</p>
<p>Alliance between two local networks and one regional to show services they offer and promote the participation of local institutions and the use of available information resources.</p> <p>Itinerant workshops in High Andean cities with CIAT-REDECO, CONDESAN-InfoAndina, and CORPOICA-REDEPAPA participating.</p>	<p>100%</p>	<p>L Rojas AM Ponce JL Alonso</p>
<p>Exchange of information and experiences between those responsible for some Latin American information networks, with the purpose of learning mutual lessons and improving the information systems offered to their users.</p> <p>2nd Meeting of Information Networks for the Sustainable Development of Latin America. Mérida, Venezuela, 28-30 November 2001. About 15 information networks participated.</p>	<p>50%</p>	<p>L Rojas AM Ponce JL Alonso JC Arruralde W Eykman</p>

Continued.

LOGFRAME OUTPUT 3: Research

<p>Evaluative survey of REDECO services</p> <p>Elaboration, diffusion, and analysis of the evaluative survey of REDECO services. The aims were to obtain information for a Directory of Experts, to find out the usefulness of the services offered at present, and to identify needs in the area of information. We also aimed to analyze the usefulness of the information diffused through REDECO on CIAT activities, and its influence on the development of users' activities.</p>	<p>80%</p>	<p>L Rojas J Correa O Madrid</p>
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LOGFRAME OUTPUT 4: International projection

Trip reports on participation in international events 1st Meeting of Information Networks for the Agricultural and Rural Development of Latin America, November 2000 in Santiago de Chile.	100%	L Rojas
Trip report on organization and participation in local events Itinerant workshops: Workshops coordinated by the CONDESAN-InfoAndina, CORPOICA-REDEPAPA, and REDECO-CIAT Nets, carried out in Palmira, Tunja, and Bogotá.	100%	L Rojas
Summons and Press Bulletin on the 2nd Meeting of Information Networks Elaboration of the summons and press bulletin on the 2nd Meeting of Information Networks for the Sustainable Development of Latin America.	100%	L Rojas SA Perez AM Ponce

LOGFRAME OUTPUT 5: CIAT activities

Annual workplan	100%	L Rojas
Annual report Interim report completed	100%	L Rojas
Performance evaluation	0%	S Cook L Rojas
Annual workplan outputs achieved within budget limits – Annual report	60%	L Rojas LP Torres

4. Highlights 2000

The Network now has over 2900 members from organizations in Latin America and some North American and European countries that receive and exchange information related with the management of natural resources and rural development. About 70 networks were identified that receive and distribute REDECO information. The work of the Net is combined with a Web page, where all information arriving from the different members and organizations is recorded. The page constitutes a highly useful tool for the dissemination of information to our different members and users.

Our work in diffusion of material necessitates attendance at meetings and workshops. This year, we participated in the First Meeting of Networks of Information for Agricultural and Rural Development in Latin America, held in Santiago de Chile, Chile, November 2000. We also took part in itinerant workshops coordinated by the Networks of CONDESAN-InfoAndina, CORPOICA-REDEPAPA, and REDECO-CIAT, taking place in Palmira, Tunja, and Bogotá in January 2001. We supported the preparation of the multi-media product (CD-ROM) of the Proceedings of the Course on Marketing and Commercialization of Organic Products. We are organizing and will participate in the II Meeting of Information Networks for the Sustainable Development of Latin America. The event will take place within the IV International Symposium of Sustainable Development in the Andes "The Andean Strategy for the XXI Century" at the University of los Andes, Mérida, Venezuela in November 2001.

The new REDECO Web page was set up in accordance with the new institutional design. An inventory was made of the contents of the previous Web page and new contents were selected and edited. The texts were adapted in the format required by the Program Dream Weaver.

The evaluative survey of REDECO services was elaborated and then diffused through the Network Web page and by E-mail. The survey was aimed at getting to know the Network users and institutions benefiting from the information diffused, and to put together a Directory of Experts. The survey clarifies the services that REDECO presently offers and helps identify information needs. It also helps analyze how the information diffused through REDECO is used by CIAT activities, and the influence that this information has upon the development of users' activities. The survey results are being processed and will be presented in the II Meeting of the Information Networks for the Sustainable Development of Latin America in November 2001 at Mérida, Venezuela.

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5. Progress Report

The Ecoregional Network began in 1999 as part of the strategy of the Ecoregional Program for Latin America, which is part of the active interface between CIAT, its partners, and its beneficiaries. The Net was created to contribute to greater fluidity of user access to the Center's research products.

Methods of diffusion

Electronic mail permits the presentation and interchange of up-to-date information on the management and conservation of natural resources and rural development. Through this mechanism, we seek to answer user demands for information, facilitating interrelations between users.

The Web page, in user-friendly manner, promotes specialized information on the management and conservation of natural resources and rural development. The page contents are generated by members of the Ecoregional Network and by CIAT projects. Through its different sections, the Web site intends to offer to organizations and interested persons up-to-date information on CIAT concerning events, opportunities, information resources, thematic areas, interchange of experiences, methodologies and tools, networks of specialized information, other projects, and related Web sites.

It is hoped that these mechanisms of diffusion strengthen the work of people and member organizations and impel the development of their activities.

Information available on the Network

Activities:

- Presentation of research results and of products generated within CIAT projects.
- Attention to queries and interchange of information, with members of the Ecoregional Network, on specialized themes on the management and conservation of natural resources and rural development.
- Diffusion of information on experiences and lessons learned, tools, methodologies, and advances achieved by the organizations and persons who work for the management and conservation of natural resources and rural development. This work covers the areas outlined below.

Events: Conferences, courses, workshops, seminars, symposia, conventions, and meetings considered of interest by the community of Ecoregional Network members.

Opportunities: Financing of projects, Employment opportunities, Scholarships, and Postgraduate and Voluntary work that seek to facilitate interaction among the institutions that offer, and the users that demand, this type of information.

Information resources: Articles and gray literature, bulletins, books, proceedings, magazines, references bibliographies, and other news specialized in the theme of management and conservation of natural resources and rural development.

Thematic Areas: Work documents generated by persons or members of institutions, for publication on the Network:

- Agroforestry: In Collaboration with CATIE's area of agroforestry
- Participative Diagnostic
- Wetlands and Coastal Zones: In collaboration with this thematic area of the UICN-ORMA
- Monitoring and Evaluation: In collaboration with the initiative of Monitoring and Evaluation of the UICN
- Land ownership in Latin America

Methodologies and Tools: Methodological instruments developed by the projects or organizations, to facilitate decision taking in the field of research on the management and conservation of natural resources and rural development.

Announcements: Information related to the promotion of new Web sites, information networks, centers of information and documentation, press releases, announcements, among others.

Related Projects: Information on the research projects or proposals of the member organizations of the Ecoregional Network.

Related Web Sites: Web pages developed by organizations that work on behalf of the management and conservation of natural resources and of rural development.

CIAT Links: Web pages of CIAT projects that offer up-to-date information on research advances, and their products.

Members of the Ecoregional Network

- Government and nongovernmental organizations
- Grass-roots organizations
- Information networks or diffusion organisms
- National and international agricultural research centers
- Persons executing projects and activities linked to the management and conservation of natural resources and with rural development

Member countries of the Network

Figure 1 shows the member countries involved in the Network with number of members from each country.

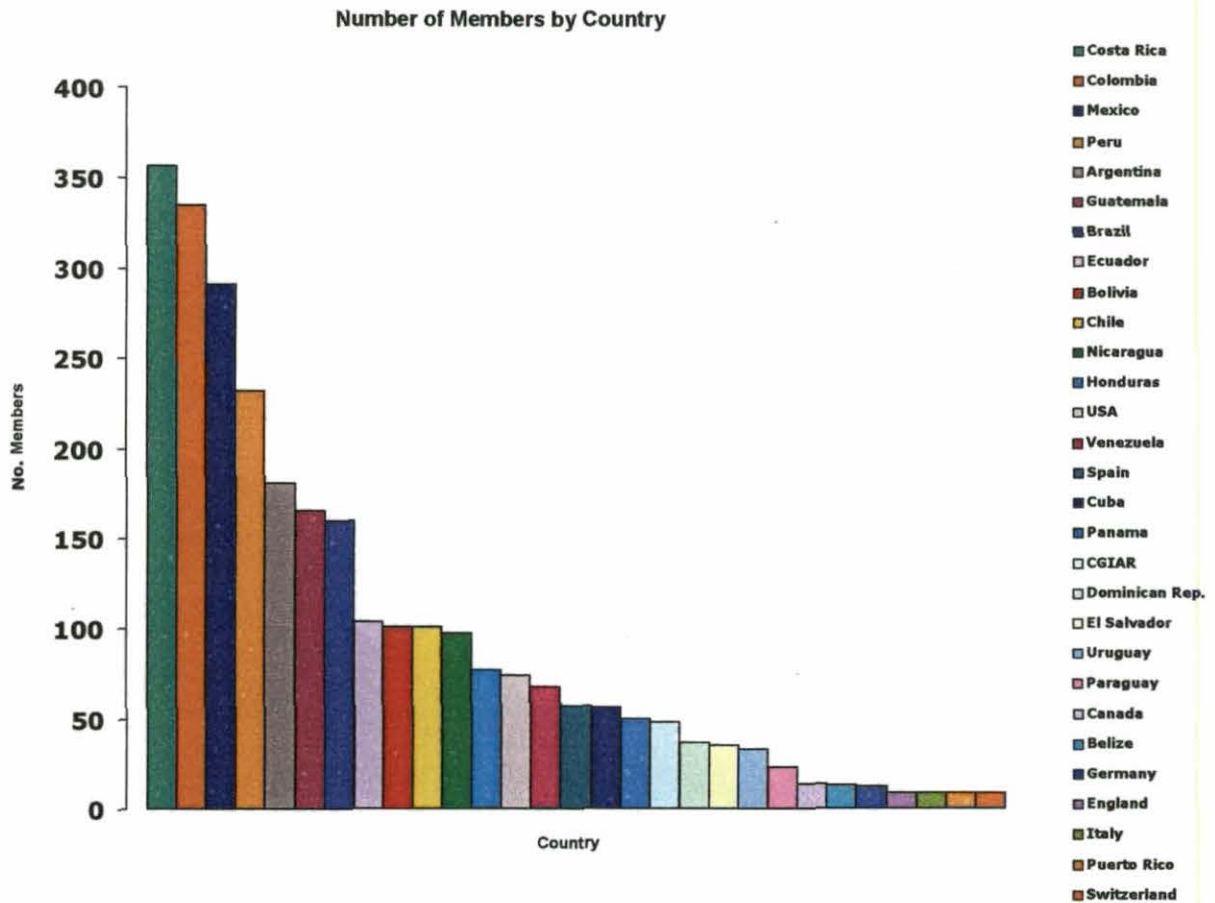


Figure 1. Number of members by country of the Ecoregional Network for Tropical Latin America.

Activities 2001

- An Ecoregional Directory was elaborated—the Directory of Members of the Net. At present it contains complete information of about 600 people in the region (name, position, institution, postal box and physical address, telephone and fax, electronic address, and area of interest or of work).
- List of members by country in Access database. This list includes all members inscribed in the Ecoregional Network. At present we have 2900 members, for most of whom we have information on country, institution, and electronic mail.
- First Phase in the elaboration of the Directory of Experts. To put together the Directory of Experts, searches are carried out by Internet to obtain basic information of the Network members and to identify and classify the type of organization to which they belong.
- Exchange by electronic mail is maintained with the 2900 members/users of the Net. A daily message is sent out (Table 1).
- Participation in the 1st Meeting of Information Networks for the Rural and Agricultural Development of Latin America. This event takes place in November 2000, in Santiago de Chile, and was organized within the framework of the IESA-AT Symposium. The meeting called together 18 networks from seven countries. The networks reinforced their links and established alliances to improve their services, to be mutually trained, and to develop strategies for their sustainability.

An executive committee was established consisting of Ana María Ponce of CONDESAN-Infoandina, Liliana Rojas of CIAT-REDECO, Juan Carlos Alurralde of the Comisión Foro del Agua-INFOAGUA, Jorge Luis Alonso of CORPOICA-REDEPAPA, and Wessel Eyckman of REDCAPA. Their function will be to channel information of interest to strengthen the work of the Networks and to organize the II Meeting.

An executive subcommittee was named among the networks to support the activities related to the Año Internacional de las Montañas (AIM). The members are Bertken M. de Leede of FAO-Bolivia, Roberto Andrade of FAO-Regional, Guillermo Nuñez of REDLACH, Ana María Ponce of InfoAndina, and Gabriela Ugarte of REDESMA. The other participating networks agreed to support the diffusion of activities related to the AIM.

- Organization of, and participation in, Itinerant Workshops

Workshops coordinated by the Networks of CONDESAN-Infoandina, CORPOICA-REDEPAPA, and REDECO-CIAT took place in Palmira, Tunja, and Bogota. These events counted on the participation of local organizations, governmental and nongovernmental, with the purpose of revealing the services offered by the regional information networks, and to promote the participation of local institutions and the use of available information resources.

Table 1. Red Ecorregional para América Latina (REDECO) Network exchanges from November 2000 to October 2001.

Type of message sent	Nov 2000	Dec 2000	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Total
Events ^a	13	7	10	20	28	16	25	32	23	29	29	40	272
CIAT information	4 Public/ SN-1/ News	3 REDECO/ News	2 GIS unit	2 Library / PE-3	2 GIS unit / Library	1 News	1 Vacancy	3 Public	3 Events/ SN-1 CD	2 Vacs	3 REDECO Survey/ Public	1 Library	27
CGIAR information	1 CONDESAN	-	-	1 IPGRI/ CIRAD	1 CIP	1 CONDESAN	2 CONDESAN / IFPRI	-	3 ILRI/ ICARDA/ CIMMYT	1 CIP	-	1 IPGRI	11
Scholarships	2	2	-	4	2	1	3	3	2	2	-	-	21
Volunteered	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	4
Job opportunities	6	-	1	5	1	1	4	3	3	2	1	1	28
Notice of meetings/ fund sources	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	2	-	-	6
Requests for information	31	8	-	14	16	7	16	18	17	11	6	16	160
Related Web pages	9	-	-	11	12	8	8	-	-	-	-	15	63
Information resources	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10

a. Courses, conventions, seminars, postgraduate work, etc.

- Organization of, and participation in, the II Information Networks Meeting for the Sustainable Development of Latin America. The event is carried out within the framework of the IV International Symposium of Sustainable Development in the Andes "The Andean Strategy for the XXI Century" at the University of the Andes, Mérida, Venezuela in November 2001. The objectives of this meeting are to:
 - ✓ Strengthen the integration and formation of the Network of Information Networks for the Sustainable Development of Latin America through the definition of policies and strategies of cooperation.
 - ✓ Exchange information and experiences among those responsible for the networks and participants with the purpose of learning mutual lessons and improving the information systems offered to users.
 - ✓ Evaluate the progress, needs, and future orientation of the activities of the Sub-Committees of Networks and AIM 2002.
- Adaptation of the content and design of the REDECO Web page, in agreement with the new version of the Institutional Web page. The following tasks were carried out: inventory and revision of the content of the previous Web page, selection and edition of the new contents, and adaptation of the texts in the format required by the Program Dream Weaver.
- Elaboration, diffusion, and analysis of the evaluative survey of REDECO services. The presentation was carried out through the Network Web page and by E-mail. The survey was oriented to comply with the following objectives:
 - ✓ Know the users and institutions, beneficiaries of the information, and put together with them a Directory of Experts.
 - ✓ Know the utility of the services that REDECO offers at present and to identify needs in the area of information.
 - ✓ Analyze the utility of the information divulged through REDECO to the activities of the International Center of Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) and the extent of influence of this information upon the development of users' activities.

The survey results are being processed and will be presented at the II Meeting of the Information Networks for the Sustainable Development of Latin America in November 2001 at Mérida, Venezuela.

- Support in elaborating the interactive multimedia material (CD-ROM) of the Proceedings of the Course on Marketing and Commercialization of Organic Products. The material constitutes a tool to support the demand for information of persons linked to the sector of organic production. The facilitators are the Rural Agroenterprises Development Project (SN-1) and EARTH College, with the support of the Ecoregional Network.

6. Publications

CIAT (Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical). 2001. Directorio Red Ecorregional informacion completa. CIAT, Cali, Colombia. 153 p.

CIAT (Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical). 2001. Directorio de Miembros Red Ecorregional por paises. CIAT, Cali, Colombia. 169 p.

7. Partner Organizations during 2000

- Red de Desarrollo Sostenible y Medio Ambiente (REDESMA)
- Comité Gestión Integral del Agua en Bolivia (CGIAB)
- Movimiento Agroecológico de América Latina y el Caribe (MAELA)
- Red de Instituciones Vinculadas a la Capacitación en Economía y Políticas Agrícolas en América (EMBRAPA)
- FAO-Chile
- Red Latinoamericana de Cuencas Hidrográficas (REDLACH)
- Red de Comunicaciones Ambientales, Chile
- Red Internacional de Metodología de Investigación de Sistemas de Producción (RIMISP / FIDAMERICA)
- FIDAMERICA / Grupo Chorlavi
- Servicio de Información de Precios Regionales Agrícolas (SIPRE)
- Corporación Colombiana de Investigación Agropecuaria-CORPOICA (REDEPAPA)
- Sistema de Información y Documentación Agropecuaria de las Américas (SIDALC), IICA / CATIE
- PREVAL
- Consorcio para el Desarrollo Sostenible de la Ecorregión Andina CONDESAN-InfoAndina
- Red Colombiana de Reservas Naturales de la Sociedad Civil
- Ecofuturo
- Fundacion Centro Para la Investigación en Sistemas Sostenibles de Produccion Agropecuaria-CIPAV
- Universidad Nacional - Palmira
- Corporación Regional del Valle del Cauca CVC
- Corporación Colombiana de Investigación Agropecuaria-CORPOICA
- CORPOTUNIA
- CIPASLA

- Instituto Universitario Juan de Castellanos
- Secretaria de Agricultura
- Instituto Colombiano Agrícola-ICA
- CORPOBOYACA
- Usochicamocha
- Agrochicamocha
- Proalbio
- Distrito de Riego Samaca "Asusa"
- Instituto Colombiano Agropecuario-ICA
- Instituto Interamericano de Cooperación para la Agricultura-IICA
- Corporación Autónoma Regional-Cundinamarca

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Otoniel Madrid, Research Assistant**

** Land Use Project Staff that supported the Ecoregional Network during 2001

9. Budget 2001

Source	Amount (US\$)	Proportion (%)
Carry over from 2000	27,092	79.47
Extra income 2001	7,000	20.53
Totals	34,092	100.0

10. Acronyms and Abbreviations Used

Acronyms

AIM	Año Internacional de las Montañas
CATIE	Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza, Costa Rica
CGIAB	Comité Gestión Integral del Agua en Bolivia
CGIAR	Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research
CIPASLA	Consorcio Interinstitucional para una Agricultura Sostenible en Laderas, Colombia
CIPAV	Centro para la Investigación en Sistemas Sostenibles de Producción Agropecuaria, Colombia
CONDESAN	Consorcio para el Desarrollo Sostenible de la Ecorregión Andina
CORPOBOYACA	Corporación Boyacá
CORPOICA	Corporación Colombiana de Investigación Agropecuaria
CORPOTUNIA	Corporación para el desarrollo de Tunia, Colombia
CVC	Corporación Regional del Valle del Cauca, Colombia
EARTH	Escuela Agrícola de la Región Tropicó Humedo, Costa Rica
EMBRAPA	Empresa Brasileira de Pesquisa Agropecuária
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization, Chile
FIDA	Fondo Internacional de Desarrollo Agrícola
FIDAMERICA	Fondo Internacional de Desarrollo Agrícola en América Latina y el Caribe
ICA	Instituto Colombiano Agrícola
IICA	Instituto Interamericano de Cooperación para la Agricultura, Chile
INFOAGUA	Comisión Foro del Agua
MAELA	Movimiento Agroecológico de América Latina y el Caribe
ORMA	Oficina Regional para Mesoamérica of IUCN
PREVAL	Programa para el Fortalecimiento de la Capacidad de Seguimiento de los Proyectos FIDA en América Latina y el Caribe
REDCAPA	Red de Instituciones Vinculadas a la Capacitación en Economía y Políticas Agrícolas en América Latina y el Caribe
REDECO	Red Ecorregional para América Latina
REDEPAPA	Red Electronica de la Papa
REDESMA	Red de Desarrollo Sostenible y Medio Ambiente
REDLACH	Red Latinoamericana de Cuencas Hidrográficas
RIMISP	Red Internacional de Metodología de Investigación de Sistemas de Producción, Chile
SIDALC	Sistema de Información y Documentación Agropecuaria de las Américas
SIPRE	Servicio de Información de Precios Regionales Agrícolas
UICN	World Conservation Union

Abbreviations

GOs	government organizations
NGOs	nongovernmental organizations