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Acronyms

AGDIA	Commercial company
asl	above sea level
BMZ	Bundesministerium für Wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit (BMZ)
CETEC	Corporación para Estudios Interdisciplinarios y Asesoría
CGIAR	Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research
CIAT	International Center for Tropical Agriculture
CIPASLA	Consorcio Interinstitucional para Agricultura Sostenible en Laderas
CREAMS	chemicals, runoff and erosion from agricultural management systems
CVC	Corporación Autónoma Regional del Valle del Cauca
DSS	Decision Support System
DTM	Digital Terrain Model
ESRI	Environmental Systems Research Institute
FDDI	Fiber Distributed Data Interface
FEDECAFE	C Federación Nacional de Cafeteros de Colombia
FUNDAEC	Fundación para la Aplicación y Enseñanza de las Ciencias
GIS	Geographic Information System
GO	Governmental Organization
GPS	Global Positioning Satellite
GTZ	German Agency for Technical Cooperation
IFDC	International Fertilizer Development Centre

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Acronyms Cont'd

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IGAC	Instituto Geográfico Augustín Codazzi
INCORA	Instituto Colombiano de la Reforma Agraria
IPM	Integrated Pest Management
mbs	megabits/sec
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
SWRRB	Simulator for Water Resources in Rural Basins

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1.0 Summary

Title of Research Proposal

Quantifying and predicting the effect of land use practices on erosion, water quality, and crop production for the Ovejas watershed, Colombia, using an interactive, coupled GIS/watershed model.

Short Title

Improving natural resource management for an Andean watershed, using an interactive, coupled GIS/watershed model.

Objective of Research:

The overall objectives of the project are:

- 1. To develop a prototype diagnostic resource management tool that will improve ecological impact assessment and decision making about resource management in hillside watershed systems.
- 2. To quantify and predict in the short and long terms the impact of current and alternative management practices on soil erosion, sediment and water yields, and pesticide behavior within the Ovejas watershed using an interactive GIS/ watershed model.

This project proposal is a result of the CIAT "Project Identification/ Development of Area-Based Strategic Management Research", which was approved as a Special Project by BMZ in October 1992.

Abstract

Efforts to improve the use of fragile soils in the hillside ecosystem have been encouraging. Conservation measures to reduce erosion and maintain crop productivity have been researched on and off farms at the plot level. There has been relatively little research completed on the soil water balance component of this ecosystem and at the watershed level.



The use of a watershed model coupled to a geographic information system (GIS) will be invaluable for assessing the ecological impact of current and alternative land use practices on the watershed ecosystem and in identifying thresholds in vital biophysical processes that otherwise would not be readily perceived.

Currently, no GIS/watershed model operates in CIAT or in Colombia that can be used for spatial and temporal ecological impact analysis. The CIAT Hillsides and Land Use Programs, in cooperation with the Department of Plant Production in the Tropics and Subtropics, University of Hohenheim, therefore recommends this proposed research, which would last three years, with possible future extension. The budget would be US \$333,720 for CIAT and US \$307,800 for the University of Hohenheim.

Cooperating Partners:

The proposed project will be carried out jointly by:

- 1. Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical (CIAT), Colombia.
- 2. Institute for Plant Production in the Tropics and Subtropics, University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart, Germany.

Names of Principal Scientists:

- 1. Senior staff from the Land Use Program at CIAT: Dr. William C. Bell, Land Use Program.
- 2. Senior Staff from the Hillsides Program at CIAT: Dr. Edwin-Bronson Knapp
- 3. Prof. Dr. Bruce Allison, Institute for Plant Production in the Tropics and Subtropics, University of Hohenheim.



Names of Staff to be Financed:

- 1. CIAT staff: Directed by Dr. William C. Bell, Land Use Program
- 2. German staff: Post-Doctoral Scientist (3 years).
- 3. Two Diploma students, Germany M.Sc. student, Colombia

Budget --- in US Dollars:

The total budget of the project is US\$641,520 broken down as follows:

Budget	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
U. of Hohenheim	135,000	82,700	90,100	307,800
CIAT	142,800	108,840	82,080	333,720
Total Request	277,800	191,540	172,180	641,520

2.0 Background and Justification

Soil degradation is a threat to agricultural sustainability throughout Latin America



There is an urgent need to understand better the ecological impact of current and alternative practice on watershed dynamics Soil degradation is currently a threat to agricultural sustainability in many Latin American countries, especially in the Andean region. Changing land use practices have apparently reduced the amount of arable farmland, because many farmers are now forced to cultivate crops on steep, infertile soils. Techniques to improve crop productivity, enhance erosion control, and increase water infiltration and water-holding capacity in tropical hillsides have been researched and incorporated into soil conservation practices in hillside farming systems. In the proposed project research site, this research endeavor has been the focus of cooperative research between the Centro International de Agricultura Tropical (CIAT) and University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart, Germany, on cassava-based cropping systems.

Collaborative CIAT-Hohenheim research has concentrated on characterizing the soil erosion process at the plot level for two Andean locations in Colombia (on and off station), where cassava has become a staple cash crop. Additional testing and evaluation of the potential of improved soil conservation and fertility management practices are being initiated together with the CIAT Hillsides Program. The cooperative CIAT/Hohenheim erosion research has provided insight into soil erosion process in cassava based cropping systems and the effect of soil conservation methods on productivity. However, the interaction between cassava-based cropping systems and other important components (coffee, perennial, and annual crops) needs to be assessed in order to better understand the ecological impact of current and alternative conservation practices on watershed dynamics.

A research area that has had relatively little directed focus is the effect of conservation measures and cultural practices on the soil-water balance components in the hillside ecosystems. The research completed to date has been at the plot level. The next logical step would be to move from plot level research (on and off farms) to ecosystem or watershed level research. The proposed approach is a significant advancement over plot level research



The methods and results of this research will be relevant to the majority of Latin American hillside agroecosystems One way to accomplish this would be through an interactive/coupled GIS/modelling approach. This proposed approach to resource management is a significant advancement over plot level research because:

- it can utilize any information available from plot level studies;
- it more effectively uses and analyzes all available data;
- the scaled up analysis places emphasis on a systems approach to resource management problems;
- systems scenarios can be run and analyzed quickly;
- it is time and cost effective; and
- it encourages interdisciplinary research.

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Based on the above and on the long-term research interests and needs in CIAT's Resource Management Research Division (Hillside and Land Use Programs), a research project focusing on the use of an interactive GIS/ watershed model is required. Further research needs to be



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As a result of this strategic research, policy and decisions makers will be informed about the effects of soil degradation on productivity



This project aims to provide a prototype diagnostic management tool for decision making

The approach will be tested in detail for the Río Ovejas watershed



One major contribution of CIAT's strategic research, with regard to land degradation in hillside farming/watershed ecosystems, will be to inform policy and decision makers concerned with land use issues about the effects of soil degradation on short- and long-term potential productivity and the potential benefits of alternative sustainable scenarios. At present, operational tools to assist decision makers require the development of methodologies which quantitatively assess this situation over time and space. Computer-based techniques for building interactive decision-support systems for multiobjective, multiuser land use planning represent a rapidly moving scientific frontier. It is important for the centers of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) such as CIAT to develop a core competence in this new scientific area in order to effectively interact with advanced university based scientists from industrialized countries and to develop effective programs for information dissemination down to the farmer.

Currently, no such resource management tools are being used at CIAT for tropical Andean hillside farming systems. The purpose of this research is to provide a prototype diagnostic management tool for facilitating decision making among numerous cooperating institutions and interest groups, i.e. scientific institutions, policy makers, extension workers, and farmers.

This approach needs to be tested in detail for one watershed. The Rio Ovejas was chosen because its physical characteristics are typical of many hillside farming areas in the Andes. In addition, an extensive infrastructure of governmental organizations (GOs) and non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) exists, which has collected a wide variety of data, making model testing and verification easier and allowing us to run many "what-if" scenarios. There are well over 100,000 watersheds in the region and obviously



An interactive GIS/ watershed model will be useful for the assessment of resource management and ecological impact



The research will help prioritize long term research thrusts and suggest longterm conservation solutions to critical sustainment problems



very few of them can spend over \$1 million on a detailed study. The modelling process will allow us, with additional work, to extend our methodology in a cost-effective manner to those other watersheds and allow educated decisions to be made about the natural resource management of these areas.

The development of an interactive GIS/watershed model is needed to assess spatial and temporal resource management, predict crop production/environmental hazards and assess ecological impact . Furthermore, indicators of thresholds in biophysical processes, which are currently unknown and cannot be readily perceived, need to be established and correlated with observable phenomena (where possible). Finally, a usable understandable GIS output format is needed to show land use planners, policy makers, resource scientists, and local farmers the tangible benefits or serious damage that may result from land and soil management practices. This proposed project will aid in identifying critical sustainment problems, prioritizing long term research thrusts, suggesting conservation practices that offer long-term solutions and analyzing more thoroughly existing data.



3.0 Overall Project Objectives

The project purposes aim to improve the livelihood of the hill-farming community and the environmental quality of watershed systems in the Andean region





3.1 Goal

To improve the welfare of the hill-farming community and the environmental quality within hillside watershed systems in the Andean region.

3.2 Project Purpose

To develop a prototype diagnostic resource management tool that will improve ecological impact assessment and decision making about resource management in hillside watershed systems.

To quantify and predict in the short and long terms, the impact of current and alternative management practices on soil erosion, sediment and water yields, and pesticide behavior within the Ovejas watershed, using an interactive GIS/watershed model.

The specific objectives are:

- To better understand relationships among variables that operate at plot and system levels so as to model and quantify complex watershed dynamics through study of the Ovejas watershed, Colombia.
- 2. To process information by using GIS and watershed modelling techniques from strategic research in the form of a decision support system (DSS). The information can be continuously updated to assist consensus building among stakeholders for formulating plans for agricultural land use and the environmental protection of watersheds, through a case study of Rio Ovejas.



- 3. To determine the impact of current and alternative management practices on soil erosion, sediment and water yields and pesticide behavior with subsequent effects on short- and long-term productivity and environmental quality.
- 4. To couple the Simulator for Water Resources in Rural Basins (SWRRB) model to the Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) Arc Info Geographic Information System (GIS) to facilitate easier yet more complex spatial and temporal analyses of land use scenarios.
- 5. To cooperate with GOs, NGOs and farming groups in data and map exchange for the GIS database.
- 5. To train scientists and disseminate information about the methodology among decision makers at different levels.

3.3 Outputs

The expected outputs from fulfilling the above objectives can be summarized as follows:

- 1. An interactive, state-of-the-art, computer-based DSS that builds analytical models of multistakeholder, multiobjective land use at the watershed level.
- 2. Interface between the SWRRB simulation model and GIS for a more effective DSS.
- 3. Applied methodology for modelling watershed dynamics.
- 4. Evaluation of land use practices on watershed water quality with regard to sediment yield and pesticide contamination.
- 5. Estimates of the effects of representative crop, pasture, and woodland use in the hillsides on the partitioning, regulation, and quality of water in hillside catchment water courses due to soil erosion.

The proposed research has clerly defined outputs





PROJECTOBJECTIVES



The scientific components of the research will contribute broadly to the improvement of agricultural security in the project area

- 6. Establishing an effective link between researchers, farmers, and regional institutions so that useful information and viable technologies are better used and adopted.
- 7. Trained national and international scientists and students.

The relationship between objectives and outputs is clarified in Figure 1.

The expected outputs from fulfilling the objectives represent the major components of the overall project strategy. Collectively, the scientific components contribute broadly to improving agricultural security, not only in the project area, but also potentially for Colombia and Andean hillsides in general. This proposed scientific endeavor results in the development of an interactive diagnostic tool that allows assessment of the ecological impact of management practices on watershed dynamics.

The outputs will contribute to the establishment of a more effective link among policy makers, land use planners, resource and environmental scientists, and farmers. Furthermore, contacts between scientists from industrializing and industrialized countries will occur throughout the duration of the project. The outcome of the project will provide an effective springboard for future cooperative interdisciplinary, interinstitutional projects that focus on issues that currently threaten local and national sustainability.

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4.0 Work plan

Colombian and German scientists and students will participate in the project



The major activities and subactivities of the project as they relate to the project's outputs are graphically illustrated in Figure 1. The implementation schedule (Gantt chart), showing the commencement and duration for each main project activity is shown in Appendix A. Figure 2 shows the project organization for the technical reporting and financial management of this project.

The execution of the project will require a first phase of three years with a possible second phase for testing extrapolation of the model to additional watersheds. In collaboration with the Land Use and Hillsides programs at CIAT, German students and scientists will participate extensively in executing the project throughout its duration. The Land Use and Hillsides Programs will provide administrative and technical assistance for the project.

The methodologies and specific "on-farm" and "onwatershed" research activities to be implemented and conducted during the three years are outlined in more detail as follows:

4.1 Watershed Model Background and Description

4.1.1 Introduction

The SWRRB model was developed for the primary purpose of simulating the effects of management practices on ungauged rural basin hydrology, erosion, water and sediment yields, crop growth, and pesticide behavior.



WORK PLAN

The SWRRB model selected for the project has clear comparative advantages



The SWRRB model was selected for this project because:

- 1. it is computationally efficient,
- 2. the required inputs are generally available or can be estimated by the model,
- 3. relates runoff to soil type, land use and management,
- 4. output is predicted separately for each microbasin (user defined), routed to obtain the total runoff for the entire watershed, and
- 5. long term (100 year) simulations are possible.





WORK PLAN



The SWRRB model has been field evaluated on geographically different watersheds



The SWRRB model is a physically based model that has used much of the basic model structure of the CREAMS (chemicals, runoff, and erosion from agricultural management systems) (Knisel, 1980) and the EPIC (Shapley et al., 1990) models. The CREAMS model was modified for application to complex watersheds. The major modifications to the CREAMS model were:

- Improved methods for calculating peak runoff rate.
- A water flow and sediment routing (among microbasins) subroutine was incorporated.
- A weather simulation model was added to provide a method for long-term simulations (100 years).
- The effects of farm ponds and reservoirs on water and sediment yield can be determined.
- Simultaneous computations on several microbasins can be calculated.

The crop models (inclusive crop rotations), soil tillage and soil conservation practices (i.e., tied ridging and furrowdiking) subroutines from the EPIC were modified and integrated into the SWRRB model.

The SWRRB model has been field evaluated on geographically different watersheds (Arnold et al, 1990). The model gives good representations of the hydrology, erosion/ sediment yield, maximum annual peak run off rates, crop and range growth, and the effect of management decisions on water and sediment yields. The resulting SWRRB model is a comprehensive watershed model that can be used to evaluate the long term effects of current and alternative management systems.



The major components of the SWRRB model are:

- Hydrology: surface runoff, peak runoff rate, percolation, lateral subsurface flow, evapotranspiration, and transmission losses.
- Weather: long-term (100 years) precipitation, temperature, and solar radiation can be simulated with a minimum of 5 years of actual data.
- Flood routing.
- Sedimental yield and routing.
- Crop growth: potential growth, yield, and growth constraints.
- Tillage and residue.
- Pesticide behavior.
- Irrigation.

A detailed description of the model, output interpretation, sensitivity analysis, and model evaluation is given by Arnold et al. (1990).

The weather simulation model has been found inadequate for tropical weather systems. New research (Jones and Thornton, 1993) suggests using a third order markov chain with resampling for simulation to greatly improve accuracy. CIAT/IFDC (International Fertilizer Development Center) (Jones and Thornton) are continuing to refine their spatial model and this will be incorporated into the SWRRB model by Jones to improve accuracy for tropical areas.



4.1.2 Watershed and hillside farming test area

Within the existing framework of ongoing research activities in the CIAT Hillsides and Land Use Programs a suitable watershed site (Ovejas) was selected in the Cauca Region (*see* maps 1 to 5 in Appendix B). Test areas consisting of up to six plots in three typical hillside land transects (approximately 100 ha each) will be selected at three elevations (2,000 m, 1,700 m and 1,400 m) within the watershed. The watershed and hillside plots were selected because (1) Relatively good database for the watershed model and the GIS is available, (2) The region is agroecological diverse, and (3) Good accessibility exists for field research purposes.

The three elevation test areas will focus on the following crops:

- High altitude (2,000-1,800 m) Pasture and agroforestry components
- 2. Medium altitude (1,800-1,600 m) Cassava, beans, maize, coffee, pastures and agroforestry components
- Low altitude (1,600-1,350 m) Coffee, cassava/pastures and maize/fallow rotation

Conservation practices that will be investigated include contour barriers, legume cover crops, green manure crops, and conservation fertility management.

Maintenance and collection of data at the three hillside research on-farm sites will be the responsibility of the CIAT Hillsides Program (Drs. J. Ashby and B. Knapp). Data will be made available for the GIS and watershed databases throughout the duration of the project.



WORK PLAN

Model inputs have been determined jointly by CIAT and the University of Hohenheim



4.1.3 Determination of SWRRB model inputs

The SWRRB model inputs are detailed. However, based on the availability of existing satellite images and information from maps, and on completed, ongoing and published research at CIAT and University of Hohenheim (Cooperation with CIAT), the majority of the required inputs have been determined. The remaining inputs that drive the model will be field determined at the beginning of the project or will be monitored throughout the test period. The breakdown of duties for determination of inputs are as follows:

- Hydrology (work group Dr. William Bell, CIAT). General watershed hydrology data, routing data (subbasin to watershed outlet), pond data (if required), and reservoir data (if required) will be either field determined or GIS calculated. The work will be done by a Research Associate Hydrologist (CIAT). We will also collaborate with the regional watershed authority, Corporación Autónoma Regional del Valle del Cauca (CVC), and the University of Cauca's Hydrobiology project who together are conducting an impact study of the Ovejas watershed.
- Required soil inputs not already available will be determined by a Diploma Student (University of Hohenheim) as part of his/her diploma thesis graduation requirements. Additionally, soil and erosion data available from completed and ongoing CIAT/Hohenheim cooperative research will be used as inputs to the model where possible.
- 3. Crop data for the hillside farming test sites (work group Dr. Bronson Knapp, CIAT). Estimates will be available on loss of yield potential from soil quality degradation, and the effects on soil quality and crop productivity of soil improvement practices for the main crops.
- 4. Vegetation data (work group Dr. Bell, CIAT). The vegetation data will be obtained by image analysis of Landsat images. This analysis will be followed with ground truthing. A Colombian M.Sc. student from the University del Valle will do this work.



Trial simulations will help determine if the inputs are representative of the watershed

- Pesticides. The CIAT Hillsides program will have a project in the Rio Ovejas study area jointly with the CIAT integrated pest management (IPM) working group to assess pesticide use and abuse, and evaluate IPM practices suitable for hillside farming systems.
- Watershed model initialization will be completed by a Diploma Student (University of Hohenheim) as part of his/ her diploma thesis graduation requirements.
- Verification of all models inputs [postdoctoral (University of Hohenheim) and Prof. Dr. B.E. Allison].

Once all model inputs have been determined, trial simulations will be necessary to determine if the inputs are representative of the watershed. This phase will be an interwork group evaluation.

4.1.4 Model simulations

A complete description of all pertinent simulation output possibilities is beyond the immediate scope of this project proposal. We have therefore given examples that show the versatility of the model and they fit well with the overall CIAT Hillside and Land Use Programs. There is an urgent need to develop methodologies which spatially and temporally analyze homogenous and heterogenous landscapes both in the short and long terms. The interactive GIS/SWRRB model is one such methodology. Once the model inputs have been defined, the watershed and microbasin simulations outputs are:

- Water and sedimentation yield.
- Soil erosion.
- Percolation.
- Root zone water balance.
- Crop growth and yield (grain crops, legumes, roots and tubers)



The model will permit the evaluation of the ecological impact of different management decisions on the watershed





- Runoff.
- Pesticide behavior.

The SWRRB calculates each output parameter for individual microbasins and that output is routed to neighboring microbasins, depending on the natural drainage. This type of simulation will ultimately be useful in evaluating the ecological impact of different management decisions on the watershed. The model simulations will be initialized on five microbasins within the watershed (Diploma Student, University of Hohenheim) (Map 6, Appendix B). The German postdoctoral will then be responsible for the remaining microbasin/watershed simulations.

4.2 Preparation of the GIS and Integration with the watershed model

The research program under this topic aims at creating a GIS for the Rio Ovejas watershed by using satellite imagery, air photos, topographic maps and other relevant maps such as soils, vegetation, geology, climate, hydrology, and transport, supplemented by field data where necessary. The SWRRB model will be used for modelling the watershed dynamics.

Programs will then be written to interface the SWRRB with the ESRI Arc Info GIS system.

The Augustin Codazzi Geographic Institute (IGAC) is working closely with us on this and has supplied us with air photographs and topographic maps of the watershed. The CVC (Corporación Autónoma Regional del Valle del Cauca) has also supplied us with various thematic maps of the area such as historical land use and population which we will incorporate in the GIS.





The following describes the tasks for this section in greater detail:

4.2.1 Preparation of the GIS for the Rio Ovejas watershed

The GIS will store all maps, air photos, satellite images, and images in digital format with their attributes in an associated relational database.

The ESRI Arc Info GIS will be used for the GIS. Data will be stored in an associated Oracle relational database. The Erdas image analysis system with the ESRI live link will be used for image mapping and interpretation. All will reside on a Sun 2000 server with access through Sun Spare 10 work stations over a 100 mbs fiber distributed data interface (FDDI) ring. (See Appendix E)

Colombian 1:10,000 topographic maps will be used to build the database where possible. In the small areas where 1:10,000 mapping is not available, 1:25,000 maps will be used. These maps will be hand digitized or scanned and vectorized (using Cadcore or Arc Scan) as appropriate and a base map will be built of the watershed area, showing all contours, spot heights, hydrography, roads, and settlements. A digital terrain model (DTM) of the watershed will be constructed. Slopes will be derived from the DTM. Because of the importance and sensitivity of the SWRRB model to slope, these slopes will be compared with slopes derived from stereo spot imagery (*see* 4.2.2) and to field samples collected using the "Total Station" to create the most accurate slope map possible.

The "Total Station" is a theodolite, which can accurately measure horizontal and vertical angles, and has built-in, electronic, distance-measuring equipment. This allows in-field verification of elevations and slopes calculated from 1:10,000



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Measurement methods will be compared according to their accuracy and cost



topographic maps of unknown accuracy, and from digital orthophotography from stereo spot imagery. Comparison of these results will allow us to pick the best method with respect to accuracy and cost.

All other appropriate maps of soils, geology, transportation etc. will be digitized into the GIS. Field data will be collected, using Sony portable global positioning satellite system (GPS) receivers to facilitate their location to within 30 to 50 meters for subsequent entry to the GIS. Photographs of soil profiles, erosion, and land use will also be located, using GPS, and scanned into the GIS database on the Sun server for easy extraction, using the GIS.

The purchase of a work station for the University of Hohenheim will enable Arc Info GIS files and overlays to be worked on at Hohenheim. This purchase will facilitate the data analysis process. Professor Dr. Bruce Allison currently does not have this capability.

4.2.2 Analysis of satellite images

1. Prepare DTM

Stereo panchromatic Spot Image satellite images will be acquired for the Ovejas watershed to facilitate the construction of a digital terrain model accurate to < 10 meters in the horizontal and < 17 meters in the vertical. GPS receivers will be used to establish suitable ground control. The Erdas digital orthophotography module Orthomax will be used with a Sun work station to carry out this mapping. Other data such as roads and rivers will be extracted as appropriate. Checks on elevations and slope will be made with the total station while positional accuracy will be verified, using GPS technology to < 1 meter.





Research outputs will enable decision makers to choose appropriate interface and level of detail

2. Prepare Land Use Map

Seven-band Landsat Thematic Mapper imagery will be acquired for the Ovejas watershed. Image analysis will be performed to extract land use types, using the Erdas software. One recent scene will be acquired, as well as one historical scene, to allow us to look at land use change. The classified image data will be transferred to the GIS for analysis.

4.2.3 Create GIS model interface

The GIS/Model interface will be written so that data can be extracted from the Arc Info vector coverages of the area and transparently converted into a grid-based raster system in Arc Info. These data will then be passed transparently to the SWRRB model, which is also grid based and referenced to the same real world coordinate system. Simulations can then be run, using these parameters and any other data in the Oracle database. Thesimulation results from the model will also be able to be passed back to the Arc Info vector coverages for display and further querying and analyses.

The real power of the system will lie in the user interface. Bell (1992) has extensive experience in preparing easy-to-use menu-driven interfaces to generate complex, yet flexible, queries transparently. Scientists and decision makers will be able to choose an appropriate interface and an appropriate level of detail. Parameters can be readily passed back and forth between the GIS coverages and the SWRRB model for processing and subsequent display on the GIS. The querying system and display capabilities will be designed to make the system usable by scientists and policy makers who have no computer experience.



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The assessment will create a better link between agencies concerned with land issues and resource management

4.3 Model applications and interpretation

The interactive GIS/SWRRB model can be applied in numerous ways to quantitatively assess the dynamic status of the hillside farm/watershed ecosystem and to determine downward, static, or upward trends related to sustainability. In our analysis we propose to investigate:

- The long- and short-term changes in crop productivity as influenced by soil erosion.
- The interaction between runoff, erosion, and sedimentation (in the microbasin and the watershed) and soil type, vegetative cover, and management practices (current and alternative).
- The interaction between land use practices and watershed water quality in the short and long terms.
- The long- and short-term changes in crop productivity as influenced by current and alternative management practices.

These four points do not comprise a comprehensive list of application possibilities but do offer insight into pertinent issues that need to be addressed in the CIAT Hillside and Land Use Programs. Once these four areas have been investigated, a baseline for assessing the potential benefits of new management strategies and determining future research priorities will have been achieved. Furthermore, this type of assessment will better create a link between planning/policy agencies concerned with land use issues and agricultural/ environmental scientists.

Ultimately an environmental impact statement can be formulated for the watershed. The overall analysis and interpretation will be the primary focus of work for the German postdoctoral. However, this section will be coordinated among the Hillside (CIAT), Land Use (CIAT), and Soil and Water Management (Hohenheim) Work Groups.



4.4 Project management

Project management will be done by Dr. William C. Bell who has extensive experience in this area. Microsoft Project will be used for tracking tasks and the budget.

4.4.1 Prepare/submit progress reports to donor

Annual reports will be filed for the first two years.

4.4.2 Submit end-of-project report to donor

. A final report will be submitted at the end of the third year.

4.5 Description of the River Ovejas watershed

4.5.1 Study area characteristics and natural resource use

See Maps 1 and 2 in Appendix B.

The headwaters of the Ovejas River are located 3000 m above sea level (m.a.s.l.) in the rocky reaches of Pitayó in the municipality of Silvia, Department of Cauca in southwest Colombia. The river empties into the Cauca River at 1100 m. a.s.l. just below the Salvajina hydroelectric dam. Major subcatchments are the Ovejas River, Mondomo River, Pescador River, and the Cauca River. A major study and data collection area for a consortium of GOs, NGOs and the CIAT Hillsides Program is the microcatchment area of the Cabuyal River (Map 6, Appendix B).

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The Ovejas catchment (106,000 ha) is comprised of six administrative districts called municipalities: Caldono, Piendamó, Morales, Santander, Buenos Aires, and Silvia with 37%, 12%, 16%, 12%, 8% and 16% of the area, respectively. The total population of the catchment is about 85,000 of which 40% are located in the main urban centers of the municipalities.

Geomorphologically, three topological zones are recognized: (1) zone of very abrupt escarpments, generally between 2,000-3,000 m.a.s.l. occurs in the highest part of the watershed. (2) The peneplain of Popayán with rolling, dissected terraces of low relief is found between 1,400-2,000 m.a.s.l.. The piedmont alluvial plain comprising the lowest part of the catchment occurs between 1,100-1,400 m.a.s.l..

The principal life zones according to the classification of Holdridge are: premontane dry forest, subtropical humid and very humid forest, and very humid montane and low montane forest.

The soils of the area have been surveyed in some detail and classified into 19 mapping units at the level of associations. The soils are generally young with weak development. Seventy-seven percent of the soils are classified as Inceptisols and another 15% as Entisols. Information exists regarding formation, fertility levels, effective depth, and erosion hazard (IGAC, 1976). Also available are hundreds of soil laboratory analyses that have been carried out over the past 20 years. These analyses have yet to be systematically evaluated at a landscape scale.

The distribution of slopes according to total area and percent area are found in Table 1 (CVC, 1980).

Table 1

Distribution of slopes according to total area and percent area

Class	Slope	Area (ha)	%	
I	0-12	35,628	34	
Ш	12-25	12,975	12	
Ш	25-50	11,932	11	
IV	50-100	3,437	3	
unclassified		42,028	40	
CIAT and the University of Hohenheim have collaborated productively since 1987



Accelerated interrill, rill, and gully erosion are common problems in the area, and in the upper parts of the Ovejas River, landslides are common. The soils on these very steep slopes are mainly Andepts, which are not cohesive. This, in combination with errosive tropical rains and uncontrolled and unadapted land use, is causing accelerated soil degradation (*see* Map 4, Appendix B).

Since 1987, a cooperative research project between Hohenheim University and the CIAT Cassava Program and supported by BMZ/GTZ (German Agency for Technical Cooperation) has resulted in characterization of the relationships between different cassava management practices, erosion, and productivity, and has attempted to quantify the factors of the universal soil loss equation.

The deterioration of the natural resource base is associated with the requirements of the type of land utilization and land qualities. According to local knowledge, large- scale clearing of the primary forest began in 1940. Between 1940 and 1970 the production of high quality cassava starch grew rapidly.

In 1940, coffee was also introduced and soon developed into a major export crop. Recently, however, a combination of low international prices, excess inventories, and the spread of "broca", a devastating insect that attacks the coffee berry, led to the perennial coffee crop being replaced by annual crops. Around 1985, a pilot agroindustrial project was initiated to promote the perennial crop, sisal, the fiber of which was to be made into sacks for the coffee industry. Unfortunately, the circumstances that befell the coffee industry have derailed the project.

The trends of degradation of the natural resource base in the Ovejas River watershed have not been scientifically documented. Nevertheless, more than 90% of the population in the Ovejas River catchment generate income from agricultural, livestock and forest products including wood fuel. Table 2 shows the growth of population and family units in the Caldono municipality.

Table 2

Growth of population and family units for the municipio of Caldono.

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Year	Population '	Families ²	Ha/family
1920	6,472	1,360	30
1930		1,707	24
1940	10,272	2,143	19
1950		2,691	15
1960	18,296	3,378	17
1970	21,082	4,241	10
1980	30,000	5,323	8
1990		6,683	6

Population from census of 1918, 1938, 1964, 1980

¹ Calculated on the basis of a population growth of 2.3% and 5 persons per family.



Local NGOs, (including farmers' groups) and GOs, together with CIAT have formed a consortium to addres issues of sustainable resource use



What is obvious from Table 2 is that the population has grown rapidly. The question that must be addressed by the residents of the Ovejas River watershed is whether agriculture, livestock, and the forest product industries will be viable income-generating industries in the future. There is a strong desire on the part of the local population and locally involved development organizations to look for answers. Some of the local GOs and NGOs, including farmers' groups, together with CIAT, have formed a consortium of 18 agencies, the Consorcio Interinstitucional para Agricultura Sostenible en Laderas (CIPASLA), to address issues of sustainable resource use. What follows is a brief introduction to some of the collaborating institutions of CIPASLA.

4.5.2 Collaborating institutions

CVC (Corporación Autónoma Regional del Valle del Cauca)

The CVC is a regional, governmental organization responsible for the management of natural resources (mainly soils and water) in the upper Cauca Valley, including the watersheds of the affluents. The CVC creates and provides information in areas of mapping of actual and potential land use and soil maps. Work is also done in the area of rural education and technical assistance on natural resources management and conservation.

In 1992, a formal agreement was established among the CVC, CIAT, and others to test, multiply, and validate soil conservation technology in different watersheds. One professional of the institution was appointed to develop these activities in cooperation with the consortia. Cooperation with the CVC is given priority because of its infrastructure, official mandate and its influence on regional environmental policies.

Main contact: Dr. Juan Gabriel Casas, Director of the Division of Natural Resources.



Local NGOs will take part actively in the project



CETEC (Corporación para Estudios Interdisciplinarios y Asesoría Técnica)

The CETEC is a nongovernmental organization working with rural communities in the northern Cauca Department. It aims to develop small-scale, rural, cassava-based industries and ecologically sound, sustainable farming systems, based on the use of local resources. Studies on the efficiency of new technologies, support of farmers with credit, technical assistance, and field days on specific topics form part of their program. They also cooperate in conducting field trials on erosion measurement plots with different cassava cropping systems. They are also testing cover legumes and other materials from CIAT on their "Green Farm" in San Antonio. Cooperation with CETEC is informal but so far very uncomplicated and efficient. Working so close to the farmers offers good perspectives for continued testing and transfer of technology.

Main contact: Engineer Miguel Serrano

FUNDAEC (Fundación para la Aplicación y Enseñanza de las Ciencias)

The FUNDAEC is a private Foundation working everywhere in Colombia in rural education and development. FUNDAEC gives credit to farmers who participate in specific training courses, i.e., cassava production. The preparation of extension leaflets and other teaching materials also forms part of their program.

FUNDAEC will cooperate with the project to develop of sustainable land use systems and by taking part in the formal agreement with the CVC. Cooperation with CIAT started in April 1992 and FUNDAEC has set up trials with improved cassava cropping systems and the adoption of soil cover/ forage legumes in Mondomo and Pescador.

Main contact: Engineer Martin Präger







The project will have both internal and external reviews **FEDECAFE** (Regional Office at Santander de Quilichao) will cooperate with the project to find ways of establishing new coffee plantations on hillsides with less erosion by integrating live barriers, legumes, and food crops such as plantains, beans, and cassava in the initial stage of development. Combining profitability with sustainability was the main objective of collaborative trials with CIAT, which started on three sites in September 1992.

Main contact: Dr. Senen Suárez.

INCORA (Instituto Colombiano de la Reforma Agraria)

The national land reform institution maintains contacts with farmers' groups who received land from the institution. They are a useful agency for help in contacting local farmers.

4.6 Participation in project evaluation

There will be both an internal and external review of the project. In the second year we will invite one of the SWRRB model designers to review our work and suggest improvements. We will follow this up in the third year with a formal review, suggestions for further improvement, and, if appropriate, follow up research. An internal review will evaluate effectiveness issues, training courses and the workshop.



5.0 Training Program and Information Dissemination

Training of local GO and NGO, as well as CIAT and German scientists is a key element of this project



Training of regional GO and NGO staff, as well as CIAT and German scientists, is an integral part of this proposal. We will run two workshops, a symposium, and train German and Colombian scientists, the details of which are discussed below.

5.1 Workshops and publications

5.1.1 Regional workshop on the theory of GIS and simulation models

The first workshop will introduce participants to the theory of GIS and simulation models in general and to the SWRRB model, particularly as applicable to natural resource management in Andean hillsides. The model assumptions and types of data required for input will be discussed, as well as ways of estimating data when they are missing or inadequate. Example datasets will be accessed, management scenarios will be simulated interpreted and discussed.

5.1.2 Regional workshop on the regional applications of watershed models

The second workshop will be a hands-on applied workshop for scientists and environmental managers who wish to apply modelling and GIS to their specific area. Participants will be taken through the entire process step by step on computers in our training laboratory. Assumptions, alternatives, sensitivity, and outputs will be discussed.



The project includes a symposium for policy and decision makers

The research findings will be made available through publications



5.1.3 Symposium on land use and environmental planning for GOs and NGOs

This workshop is aimed at key policy makers in the region from agencies such as the CVC and IGAC, and NGOs such as CETEC, FUNDAEC, and FEDECAFE. It will discuss opportunities for using GIS/modelling techniques as a decision support system to aid in consensus building among stakeholders for formulating plans for agricultural land use and the environmental protection of watersheds.

5.1.4 Publication of technical articles

We expect to publish material on an annual basis and will disseminate the information at conferences and in conference proceedings.

5.2 Training of German scientists

CIAT's extensive GIS expertise in natural resource management will be transferred to Hohenheim where there are strong natural resource management modelling skills and emerging GIS skills. Dr. Bell will work closely with Hohenheim to facilitate this.

5.2.1 Postdoctoral fellow (Germany) watershed modelling (duration of project)

The 3-year project period will allow the postdoctoral fellow to gain state-of-the-art experience in GIS methodology and enhance his/her overall modelling background. This opportunity will allow the individual to seek an international position, e.g. within the CGIAR or to pursue an academic position. Additional experience in publication writing is anticipated.



Justification for postdoctoral staff: The proposed project is for 3 years. It is absolutely essential to place an individual in this position who already has acquired skills in computer modelling and simulation, quantitative methods, and field methods associated with collecting and determining model inputs. The training period required to elevate a doctoral candidate to the level necessary for this project is not realistic.

5.2.2 Diploma thesis (planned)

Soil physical characteristics of the Ovejas watershed

5.2.3 Diploma thesis (Planned)

Initialization of the SWRRB watershed model for five microbasins in the Ovejas watershed.

5.3 Training of Colombian personnel

The strong natural resource modelling skills from Hohenheim, along with CIAT'S GIS skills will allow a large number of Colombians to be trained in GIS/modelling at the watershed and regional scales through interaction with the scientists and through two workshops and a symposium. In addition, a Colombian M.Sc student will conduct vegetational analysis, using satellite imagery.



Colombian scientists will receive training on the techniques used throughout the research



5.3.1 Enhancement of expertise of CIAT Land Use personnel in GIS/remote sensing/ modelling

At present, no CIAT personnel has the capability of performing integrated GIS and modelling analyses, although this is recognized as a necessary skill. This project will allow us to train several Associates (M.Sc. level) in the methodology. Our research associates and assistants have limited expertise in remote sensing and this project will allow our people to gain solid experience in this area. In addition, our systems analysts and designers, as well as our Arc Info AML programmers, will develop skills in this emerging and vital area. In the future, this training will be exported from the Land Use Program within CIAT to the other Natural Resource Management programs and the commodity programs such as Savannas and Hillsides and Beans, Rice, Cassava, and Tropical Forages, all of which have requested our help to set up a similar GIS/ modelling system. As such, this capability is strategic to CIAT. The links with Hohenheim will prove invaluable in the area of modelling .

5.3.2 Colombian M.Sc. student

A Colombian M.Sc. student from the University del Valle will conduct research on vegetational mapping, using Landsat imagery.



6.0 Dissemination of information and databases

CIAT and the collaborating German Institute for Plant Production in the Tropics and Subtropics at the University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart, support and abide the concept of complete access to research results.

All generated information and viable technologies achieved by the project will be disseminated and made available to target groups without restriction. In this kind of project, none of the expected results would be patentable.



7.0 Budget



Improving Natural Resource Management for an Andean Watershed using an Interactive Coupled GIS/Watershed Model



TABLE 3 : BMZ - Improving Natural Resource Management for an Andean Watershed using an Interactive Coupled GIS/Watershed Model Proposed budget (In US\$ dollars)

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		YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	TOTAL
REQ	JESTED FOR CIAT				
1.0	PERSONNEL				
	Research associate	20,472	21,496	22,570	64,538
	Field research assistant	10,200	10,710	11,250	32,160
	M.Sc Student – University of Valle	14,350	15,860	-	30,210
	Short term consultant		5,200	3,400	8,600
	Total personnel	45,022	53,266	37,220	135,508
2.0	TRAVEL				
	Local	15,000	3,500	2,500	21,000
	International	4,000	4,200	4,400	12,600
	Total travel	19,000	7,700	6,900	33,600
3.0	MATERIALS AND OPERATIONS				
	Supplies	3,000	3,000	3,000	9,000
	Plotter supplies	3,000	3,200	3,400	9,600
	Laboratory analysis	20,000	10,000		30,000
	Vehicle maintenance	4,500	4,800	5,100	14,400
	Communications	1,500	1,600	1,700	4,800
	Total materials and operations	32,000	22,600	13,200	67,800
4.0	TRAINING AND INTERINSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION				
	Training research assistant and collaborators	1,500	1,500	2,000	5,000
	Operational costs CVC cooperation	5,000	5,000	5,000	15,000
	Cooperative funds for on-watershed				
	research activities	2,500	2,500	2,500	7,500
	Total training and instit. cooperation	9,000	9,000	9,500	27,500
5.0	CAPITAL (With detailed justification)				
	Total station – Complete survey station	15,000		-	15,000
	Total capital	15,000			15,000
6.0	INDIRECT COSTS	24,004	18,513	13,364	55,882
	TOTAL FOR CIAT	144,026	111,079	80,184	335,290



TABLE 3 : BMZ – Improving Natural Resource Management for an Andean Watershed using an Interactive Coupled GIS/Watershed Model Proposed budget (In US\$ dollars)

		YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3 -	TOTAL
REC	QUESTED FOR HOHENHEIM UNIVERSITY				
1.0	PERSONNEL				
	Postdoctoral fellow	63,600	67,400	71,500	202,500
	Diplom soil characterization	3,000	-	-	3,000
	Diplom model preparation	3,000	-	_ .	3,000
	Total personnel	69,600	67,400	71,500	208,500
2.0	TRAVEL				
	Postdoctoral	3,500	-	3,900	7,400
	Supervisor	4,400	4,500	4,600	13,500
	Diplom students	D1	~	~	
	Total travel	7,900	4,500	8,500	20,900
3.0	RESEARCH AND OPERATIONS				
	Remote sensing images				
	Spot panchromatic stereo pair	8,000	~	-	8,000
	Spotimages from 1980s	4,000	-	-	4,000
	2 sets landsat TM scenes	16,000	~	-	16,000
	Supplies and services	3,500	3,600	3,700	10,800
	Literature, translations, publications, copies	2,000	3,000	2,000	7,000
	Student helper	4,000	4,200	4,400	12,600
	Total research and operations	37,500	10,800	10,100	58,400
4.0	CAPITAL				
	Workstation	20,000	-	-	20,000
	Total capital	20,000			20,000
	TOTAL FOR HOHENHEIM UNIVERSITY	135,000	82,700	90,100	307,800
	GRAND TOTAL	279,026	193,779	170,284	643,090

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Appendix A: CHRONOGRAM OF PROJECT ACTIVITIES BY YEAR

Aativity	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	
Activity	Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	
Watershed /hillside research				
Determination of model inputs				
GIS setup				
Prepare GIS including image analysis				
GIS/model interface				
Run model simultations		{ 1		
Interinstitutional cooperation				
Coordinate training		}		
Prepare publications				
Conduct regional workshop (watershed model theory)				
Conduct regional workshop (application of coupled GIS model)				
Symposium of Land Use and Environment Planning				
Project evaluation				
Prepare and submit annual progress report				
Prepare and submit end-of-project report				

Appendix B

Maps of Project Research Location

Map 1.	Study area within Colombia.
Map 2.	Detailed map of the Ovejas River watershed.
Map 3.	Population and ethnic composition of Ovejas watershed.
Map 4.	Erosion in Ovejas watershed.
Map 5.	Climatic zones of Ovejas watershed.
Map 6.	Rio Ovejas Microwatershed.

















CV -2-William C. Bell

	University of Manitoba Plant Science Department Adjunct Professor 1979-1985		
	University of Winnipeg International Contracts Officer 1985-1987		
	University of Winnipeg Lecturer to Professor 1966-1990		
International Research Experience:	Project Manager of 3 Canadian International Development Agency Projects 1983-1988 in Egypt		
	In Resource Management, Applied Computing and Remote Sensing.		
	 As University of Winnipeg International Contracts Officer, 1 prepared numerous projects on Asia and the Middle East. 		
	Received and supervised \$13 M of contracts in last 8 years.		
Project Management Experience:	Relevant GIS contracts include:		
	1992 Georgia Department of Transport. GIS Base map preparation \$1,800,000		
	1992 Forsyth County assessment map \$140,000		
	1991 Cobb County GIS System, Phase I \$1,589,000		
	1990 City of Winnipeg Phase II. Assessment mapping \$450,000		
	1989-90 Project Manager Manitoba Land Related Information System Phases I - III \$4,000,000		
Teaching and Thesis Supervisory Experience:	Supervision of various graduate and undergraduate thesis in Agriculture, Engineering and Geography.		

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Appendix C-2



Position in Project:

Country of Residency:

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Education:

Languages:

Experience:

International Research



Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical

Edwin Bronson (Ron) Knapp

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Ph.D., Soil Biochemistry/physics, Washington State U., Pullman WA. April 1980

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B.A., Economics, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H. June 1965

English -Native Spanish -Conversational

Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical, (CIAT) Research on the sustainability of agricultural systems in Hillside Agro-ecosystems focusing on defining relationships for productivity - degradation, market cost - soil equilibrium Nov. 1992 to present

Centro Internacional de Mejoramiento de Maíz y Trigo, (CIMMYT), Cali-Colombia Developed detailed crop management, climate and soil databases and maize dot density distribution maps; developed



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> stochastic yield gap analyses using OFR results, crop modelling and GIS analysis; carried out geostatistical spatial analyses to improve selection in abiotic stress breeding nurseries affected by pronounced variability over short distances; studied sustainability mechanisms related to fertility and soil acidification resulting from maize cultivation in one acid soil savanna ecosystem. Jan. 1987 - Nov. 1992

Centro Internacional de Mejoramiento de Maíz y Trigo, (CIMMYT), Texcoco (El Batan), Mexico

Designed, managed and taught a seven month field oriented, in-service production training course for university graduate agronomists from LCD's. Supervised graduate students and organized short term, in-country courses. Consulted for the World Bank.

Oct. 1980 - Jan. 1987

- American Society of Agronomy
- Crop Science Society of America
- Professional Memberships:

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Publications

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This new division focuses on research that will improve the management of resources available for agriculture in tropical America such that gains in food outputs and other commodities are compatible with the long-term preservation and enhancement of the resource base.

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CIAT's library collection contains over 40,000 volumes with an emphasis on tropical agriculture; 37,000 specialized documents on common beans, cassava, rice and tropical pastures; 2,500 journals; and 400 technical bulletins; as well as maps, microfilms and audiotutorials. CIAT also has a computerized inventory of over 11,000 slides.

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Appendix E

Description of Networking, Hardware and Software in CIAT's GIS Group

CIAT has recently installed extensive facilities for GIS, which are available to carry out the project. The GIS section of the Land Use Program has a mixed interconnect networking environment of SUN work stations, Digital Vax stations, and 486 personal computers running Microsoft windows and X windows.

High speed (100 mbs) FDDI networking facilities are currently being installed to better handle the data volumes associated with image analysis and extensive GIS data input and analysis.

Input facilities include digitizers and large format (90 cms) scanners while output is performed by a 90 cm color, electrostatic, plotter.

In addition CIAT has installed a Centralized SUN 2000 server which the GIS group has access to via FDDI.

SOFTWARE

Consists of the ESRI Arc Info System V7 for GIS and the ERDAS Imagine (V8.0.2) and PCI systems (V5.1) for image analysis. Digital orthophotography is performed with the Orthomax system from ERDAS.

Data input is done manually from digitizing tablets or from the scanner.

Input data is converted from raster to vector, using ESRI Arc Scan or CADCORE software. Data are stored in an Oracle (V7) relational database and linked to the GIS.

HARDWARE

Sun Sparc 690 - 52 dual processor server, 128 MB memory, 13GB disk, 0.5" reel tape, 0.25" cartridge tape, 8 mm Exabyte tape, 19" monitor.

Sun Spare 10 Model 41, 64 MB memory, 4GB disk, 8 m Exabyte tape, 19" monitor Sun Spare 10 Model 30, 64 MB memory, 2GB disk, 19" monitor Sun Spare IPX, 64MB memory, 3GB disk, 19" monitor Digital Vax station 3100/76, 64 MB memory, 3GB disk, 19" monitor, 0.25" tape



10 486/50 and 486/33 Personal computers, 8 MB to 16 MB memory, 300 - 1000 MB disk, 17" color monitors running Windows and X windows in a networked environment under TCP/IP and IPX.

Contex 36" 800 dpi greyscale scanner

Calcomp 68436 36" 400 dpi color plotter

2 x 36" x 48" Calcomp backlit digitizing tablets

QMS 860 11" x 17" 600 dpi networked printer

Several small pen and inkjet plotters

PERSONNEL

In addition, the Land Use Program has several professional GIS AML programmers, systems analysts, system designers; and database, system programming, and data input staff to keep the system operational and to develop effective new end-user applications.

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CIAT has in-house facilities for the production of high-quality training materials and video programs for scientific and extension agricultural activities.

This proposal was produced and published, using CIAT's computer layout and graphic composition facilities and outside low-cost copying services