

PES experiences in Latin America

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Water User Associations in the Cauca Valley Colombia





Cauca Valley

Inter-andean valley of volcanic soils
Considered the most fertile agricultural land in the country
1,000 m.a.s.l
Over 200,000 has in sugar cane
Heavily populated >1,3 million people

Natural Resources Management Pioneer

- □ 1959 created a development corporation
- Established watershed management areas throughout the Cauca upper watershed
- Began to develop management plans
- Pioneered participatory planning processes



Development of the Associations

- 1980´s: First association (Asoguabas) created
- 1980´s: Asocaña finances a watershed protection project in Desbaratado river
- 1990: Asocaña creates an Environmental Management Department
- □ 1992: Asodesbaratado created with support of Asocaña
- 1990's: Asobolo and others created and "Corpocuencas" established as a regional government initiative with support from private sector
- Development of Watershed Action Plans with CVC, sugar mills, agricultural users, etc.



TYPE OF ACTIVITIES Land Acquisition Erosion Control Water Source Protection Environmental Education

Community Development

Funds raised

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Asociación	Area (Has)	(miles)	afiliados	millones
Asoamaime*	55.500	16.500	124	120
Asobolo*	19.875	3.250	144	90
Asodes*	19.920	1.620	90	40
Asofraile*	28.015	3.750	200	28
Asoguabas*	17.000	630	452	40
Asojamundi	61.000	12.400	40	48
Asurnima*	12.120	3.200	21	45
Corp. Río Guadalajara*	13.000	30.000	160	27
Corpopalo	92.000	12.308	44	90
F. Ríos Tulua Morales*	103.000	21.000	309	74
Fund. Río Bugalagrande*	80.000	1.765	306	40
Fund. Río Riofrio	28.000	8.000	22	32
TOTAL	529.430	114.423	1.912	674

Source: Corpocuencas. 2001.

>US\$250,000 in 15 yrs.







Case of Quito Watershed Fund Ecuador



CONTEXT

Quito's population exceeds 1,5M people

- Current water consumption around 150 million m3 per year
- Recent construction of two major projects to insure supply beyond 2020
- Water is being diverted from other watersheds and in particular from National Protected Areas

QUITO's WATER SOURCES

- RESERVA ECOLOGICA ANTISANA
- RESERVA ECOLOGICA CAYAMBE COCA
- □ PARQUE NACIONAL COTOPAXI PITA RIVER
- RESERVA ECOLOGICA ILINIZAS SAN PEDRO RIVER
- BOSQUE PROTECTOR MINDO-NAMBILLO-CINTO, MINDO & PICHAN RIVERS



Ecological Reserves Cayambe-Coca and Antisana: Genuine Water Factories

Storage and regulation of glacial water
 Extraordinary hydrological capacity of Andean grasslands (*páramo*)
 Forests/vegetation also play a key role
 All of these ecosystems help maintain the

purity and quantity of water

THREATS

Population Growth
Overgrazing/burning of grasslands
Deforestation
Migration Pressures
Hydroelectric Projects
Unregulated Tourism
Development Projects
Lack of Protection

SOLUTION: Invest in conservation

Calculate value of environmental services provided by resource
 Link water users (drinking water, irrigation, energy generation, recreation) to the conservation of water sources

Include the cost of protection in the price of water





□ ROLE OF THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

□ ROLE OF THE FINANCIAL MANAGER

TYPES OF PROJECTS

Land tenure
 Ranger and control programs
 Hydrological protection measures
 Valuation of envtal services
 Sustainable production systems
 Evaluation and Monitoring programs



FONAG'S INCOME TO DATE				
	<u>US \$</u>			
□ INITIAL SEED CAPITAL	21.000			
DRINKING WATER SALES: 1%	1.000.300			
ELECTRICAL GENERATION	135.000			
PRIVATE BEER PRODUCER	6.000			
TOTAL	<u>1.162.300</u>			

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	(Thousands US\$)					
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INITIAL EQUITY	1.162*	1.425	2.125	2.925	3.865	
MEMBER PAYMENTS	300	700	8 00	940	1.100	
INTERESTS GENERATED	75	144	154	170	180	
(-) EXPENSES	12	24	24	30	30	
FUND RESOURCES	1.525	2.245	3.055	4.005	5.115	
PROJECTS TO FUND	100**	120	130	140	150	
FINAL EQUITY	<u>1.425</u>	<u>2.125</u>	<u>2.925</u>	<u>3.865</u> <u>4.9</u>	<u>165</u>	
Estimated interest rate (%)	10	8	6	5	4	
*Jun./03 **accumulated interests						

Image: Project Selection CRITERA

- CONTRIBUTE IN THE WATER QUALITY AND FLOW PROTECTION
- BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE PROTECTED AREAS' MANAGEMENT PLANS
- PROMOTE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION
- □ ACTION ORIENTED
- □ FOLLOW THE BYLAWS DETERMINED BY THE FUND
- SELECTION BY COMPETITIVE AND TRANSPARENT PROCESSS
- IMPLEMENTED BY A SPECIALIZED INSTITUTION (NGO'S IN PARTICULAR)

FIRST PHASE 1997-2000

- Design of the proposal
- Political lobbying and approval
- SECOND PHASE 2000-2001
- Signing of contract and seed capital provided
- Capitalization- not enough interests generated for project implementation
- Institutional organization- new member, Technical Secretariat, Bylaws, EP
- THIRD PHASE 2002-2004
- Establish priorities- watersheds, areas and plans
- □ Start financing small scale projects
- **Develop institutional alliances**
- FOUR PHASE 2005-

Cofinancing from international donors for larger scale projects

□ Water resources planning for Quito Watershed

WHY ESTABLISH A FUND?

- Coordinate and enhance individual efforts
- Take advantage of the skills and capabilities of all players
- Assure continuity and transparency in conservation activities
- Provide long-term conservation financing
- Expand public/private participation in conservation



Case of Pimampiro Ecuador





Pimampiro

Municipality has a population of 17,000 - 6,000 live in town Estimated that 13,000 has of forests were deforested since 1985 □ Of 7,000 has of forest left in the municipality, 638 has are in the hands of the Nueva America Association (27 families) □ This forest is in the headwaters of the municipality's water system







Pimampiro's Drinking Water System

Needs: 20 l/s

Supply: before 2001 = 4 l/s untreated

2001 = +8 I/s allowing for 12 I/s treated (installed capacity for 50 I/s)

+ 2003 = +20 I/s by adding 80 I/s to the irrigation canal







Pimampiro

Payment mechanism

- Was part of natural resource management and agricultural assistance project
- Institutional arrangement
- Price definition based on willingness to pay







Primary paramo and forest	US\$ 1/ha/month
Old secundary forest	US\$ 0,75/ha/month
New secundary forest	US\$ 0,50/ha/month





CASE OF PROFAFOR ECUADOR



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Profafor - FACE

- Ecuadorian organization working since 1993
- Financed by a group of dutch energy companies interested in Activity Implemented Jointly (precursor to CDM)
- Profafor finances 75% reforestation costs and gives technical assistance
- Landowner committs to keep forest for 99 (now 25) years
- PROFAFOR Owner of the carbon credits



Profafor - FACE

200 reforestation contracts
 8000 ha in Indian communities
 18000 ha with private landowners
 Environmental effect
 26.000 ha reforested
 Working with exotic species



LESSONS LEARNED

- Imperfect information need to clarify the service being rendered
 - Not paying for the resource (water, oxygen, trees)
- Socio economic context has to define the application of the mechanism
 - Different cultural dimensions \$, water, etc.
 - Opportunity costs of land and labor differ
 - Situations where PES are NOT applicable

LESSONS LEARNED

High willingness-to-pay for water protection
Hydrological function has a sensitive political dimension that should not be ignored
Payments do affect behavior and environmental awareness
Payments are a source of income for rural areas with little investment options
Community organization and participation is fundamental