

Program to Strengthen the Environmental Management Capacity Directorate (DINAMA)

URUGUAY

SECTOR: Environment

PROJECT NAME: Program to Strengthen the Environmental Management Capacity Directorate (DINAMA)
(ATN/SF-4375-UR)

TOTAL COST: \$1.7 million

FINANCING:

IDB \$1.4 million
LOCAL \$0.3 million

DATE OF APPROVAL: October 13, 1993

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The overall objective of this nonreimbursable technical cooperation is to support the institutional development of DINAMA, the country's principal environmental protection agency. The project will enable the agency to carry out the broad responsibilities assigned to it by law, especially preventing and controlling any undesirable environmental effects generated by projects executed in the country.

The project will provide training and advisory services, particularly in the area of environmental impact assessment (EIA) for DINAMA and other similar agencies. An environmental licensing system using EIA as the main criterion for public sector decision-making and a proposed policy for implementation of that system will be designed. Funds from the project will also be used to carry out a program of institutional strengthening for DINAMA in its technical, administrative and financial areas.

CONSULTANTS: An international consulting firm will be hired for a total of 65 consultant/months to provide the following:

(a) an expert in environmental planning, specializing in organizational procedures for 18 months; (b) two experts in environmental impact assessment for a total of 16 months (one in biology for eight months and the other in engineering for eight months); (c) an expert in environmental policy for five months; (d) an institutional expert for four months; (e) an environmental economist for six months; and (f) four specialists in environmental protection standards and legislation for 16 months (consultants on water, air and noise quality, sources of pollution and toxic substances for four months each). The expert in environmental planning will be the coordinator of the group.

Local consultants will also be hired for a total of 45 consultant/months, including: (a) an expert in environmental planning, with experience in project preparation and management, for 18 months; (b) a financial and administrative analyst for 4 months; (c) a training specialist for 10 months; and (d) a specialist in environmental law for 13 months. The expert in environmental planning will serve as the National Coordinator.

GOODS AND EQUIPMENT:

The following equipment will be required for project execution: computers and printers, monitoring and pollution measuring equipment and training materials.

CIVIL WORKS:

Not applicable.

EXECUTING AGENCY:

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