

Support for Zoning in Amazonia and for the Latin American and Caribbean Commission on Development and Environment

REGIONAL

SECTOR:	Environment
PROJECT NAME:	Support for Zoning in Amazonia and for the Latin American and Caribbean Commission on Development and Environment (ATN/SF-4644-RG to ATN/SF-4646-RG)
TOTAL COST:	\$2.6 million
FINANCING:	
IDB	\$2.0 million
OTHER	\$0.6 million
DATE OF APPROVAL:	September 7, 1994
GENERAL DESCRIPTION:	The objectives of this nonreimbursable technical co-operation are to: (a) consolidate and ensure the efficiency of regional environmental management agencies and authorities; and (b) promote the inclusion of environmental criteria in decision-making processes in the region.

The technical cooperation has three sub-programs to: (a) consolidate and strengthen the permanent national commissions of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (TCA) (Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname and Venezuela) and their effective operation with the Secretaría Pro Tempore (SPT); (b) harmonize the geographic information systems used by the specialized national institutions in the Amazon region as a basis for the ecological and economic zoning; (c) promote the adoption of ecological and economic zoning as a criterion for decision-making in Amazonia; and (d) finance the activities of the Latin American and Caribbean Commission on Development and Environment over the next three years.

CONSULTANTS:

The following consultants will be hired for program execution: Subprogram I: technical advisors (8 for 24 months), with experience in regional environmental planning, to support the national coordinators; and national coordinators (8 for 36 months) with a recognized and solid record in the furtherance of environmental protection, to initiate the formal and regular operation of the permanent national commissions; Subprogram II: a local general coordinator (12 months) for the execution of Subprogram II, with a graduate degree and experience in applied geographic information systems; and an international consultant (120 days), with graduate-level studies and experience in geographic information systems to support the local regional coordinator; and local consultants in geographic information systems (8 for 10 months) with experience in the Latin American tropics; Subprogram III: a coordinator (36 months on a part-time basis) for the Latin American and Caribbean Commission on Development and Environment; a technical coordinator (36 months); and a technical group

and miscellaneous consultants (26 expert/months), including experts from different environmental fields.

GOODS AND EQUIPMENT: Computers and additional peripheral equipment will be purchased (\$0.2 million) for the geographic information systems and computer program packages (\$0.12 million) for the systems. Geographic data will also be obtained (\$80,000).

CIVIL WORKS: Not applicable.

EXECUTING AGENCY: Secretariat pro tempore of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (for Subprograms I and II), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) (for Subprogram III)

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