

Regional Training Program in Environmental Management and Conservation of Natural Resources

REGIONAL

SECTOR: Environment

PROJECT NAME: Regional Training Program in Environmental Management and Conservation of Natural Resources
(ATN/SF/TF-4371-RG)

TOTAL COST: \$1,869,000

FINANCING:

IDB	\$1,480,000	
LOCAL	\$ 179,000	from the Inter-American Center for Integrated Development of Waters and Lands (CIDIAT)
OTHER	\$ 210,000	from other Latin American and Caribbean countries

DATE OF APPROVAL: October 13, 1993

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The objective of this non-reimbursable technical cooperation is to carry out a regional training and institutional strengthening program on subjects related to the environment and natural resources. Under the program, training will be provided for senior decision-makers and professionals of public agencies, university professors and members of nongovernmental organizations involved in environmental and natural resource issues. A total of 505 people will participate in the training program. The project also includes institutional strengthening of existing capacities at national and regional training centers that specialize in the environment and natural

resources, with emphasis on preparing, reviewing and monitoring environmental impact studies.

The program will expand professional skills by means of seminars, short regional and subregional courses and an 18-month master's degree program. These activities will provide advanced instruction and specialization in environmental issues for instructors, senior executives, professionals and technicians. Specific study programs and educational materials will be prepared. The principal topics to be covered will be: preparation and review of environmental impact studies, environmental monitoring, base-line studies, watershed management, prevention of natural risks, land-use planning, control of erosion and sedimentation in reservoirs, drainage and flood control, control of urban environmental pollution, solid waste management and control of toxic industrial discharges.

CONSULTANTS: Under the program, 65.5 consultant/months of international and national experts will be contracted, including professors and lecturers, an international coordinator for the program (36 months) with experience in research and teaching, and an expert to perform the ex-post evaluation of the program (2 months).

GOODS AND EQUIPMENT: Up to \$52,000 from program funds will be used to procure office equipment for program execution.

CIVIL WORKS: Not applicable.

EXECUTING AGENCY: The Inter-American Center for Integrated Development of Waters and Lands (CIDIAT)

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