

TC ABSTRACT

I. Basic Project Data

▪ Country/Region:	HAITI/CID - Isthmus & DR
▪ TC Name:	Land tenure and land use in rural areas
▪ TC Number:	HA-T1238
▪ Team Leader/Members:	JACQUET, BRUNO (CSD/RND) Team Leader; GACHOT, SEBASTIEN (CSD/RND) Alternate Team Leader; ALBARET, GERAUD (CSD/RND); DE SALVO, CARMINE PAOLO (CSD/RND); SALAZAR, LINA PIEDAD (CSD/RND); KIRKAGACLI, ROMINA EMANUELA (VPC/FMP); KONATE, TAKADY MAMADOU (VPC/FMP); LORISTON, BERLITZ (CDH/CHA); DOHERTY BIGARA RODRIGUEZ, JENNIFER (CSD/CCS); CHAVEZ, ELIZABETH (CSD/RND); TAHON, RENAUD (VPS/ESG); SAINTIL LADOUCEUR, NATACHA (VPC/FMP)
▪ Taxonomy:	Operational Support
▪ Number and name of operation supported by the TC:	Sustainable Land Management of the Upper Watersheds of South Western Haiti-HA-X1002 - Execution Land tenure security program in rural areas-HA-L1056 - Execution Sustainable Management Upper Watersheds South Western Haiti-Macaya National Park-HA-G1023 - Execution Sustainable Coastal Tourism Program-HA-L1095 - Execution Natural Disaster Mitigation Program II-HA-L1097 - Execution Agricultural and Agroforestry Technological Innovation Program - PITAG-HA-L1107 - Execution Land Tenure Security Program in Rural Areas II-HA-L1128 - Execution
▪ Date of TC Abstract:	07 Jun 2017
▪ Beneficiary:	Republic of Haiti
▪ Executing Agency:	COMITE INTERMINISTERIEL D'AMENAGEMENT DUTERRITOIRE
▪ IDB funding requested:	\$ 150,000.00
▪ Local counterpart funding:	\$ 15,000.00
▪ Disbursement period:	18 months
▪ Types of consultants:	Firms
▪ Prepared by Unit:	Rural Dev & Natural Disasters
▪ Unit of Disbursement Responsibility:	COUNTRY OFFICE HAITI
▪ TC included in Country Strategy (y/n):	No
▪ TC included in CPD (y/n):	No
▪ Alignment to the Update to the Institutional Strategy 2010-2020:	Productivity and innovation; Institutional capacity and rule of law; Climate change; Environmental sustainability

II. Objective and Justification

- 2.1 Improve public policies and investments related to land tenure, agriculture and natural resources management through the analysis of the relations between land tenure status and land use in rural areas
- 2.2 Haiti is a predominantly rural country with approximately 50% of its population living in rural areas where agriculture continues to be the most important sector, employing about 62% of the men and 33% of the women in the country. Around 66% of the total

land is considered agricultural land, and agriculture contributes to approximately 20% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

- 2.3 Haiti primary forest cover has been mostly depleted over the last three centuries, however a recent study (Churches and al., 2014) using 2010–2011 Landsat Thematic Mapper (TM) imagery showed that approximately 32.3% of Haiti's total land area was tree covered in 2010–2011, or 29.4% using FAO's forest cover class definition. This result was greater than the reported FAO value of 4% and the value for the recoded GLC2000 dataset of 7.0%, but is comparable to values for three other recoded datasets: MCD12Q1 (21.1%), Globcover (2009) (26.9%), and National Geospatial Information Center CNIGS (19.5%). Pressure on natural resources and tree cover remains high in country and provoke the rapid degradation of watershed and soil and water resources, in turn intensifying the impacts of natural disasters.
- 2.4 Average landholdings in rural areas are generally small, fragmented and with low productivity. The average size per plot is only one hectare of land which is considered one of the smallest in the region. Land tenure arrangements in Haiti are characterized by high levels of informality and land is generally owned and transferred with partial compliance of the legal requirements, without notarized contracts or titles registered by relevant authorities. In 2001, it was estimated that 31.4% of parcels were individually owned with full title documentation, 35.7% were individually owned without full documentation, 29% were jointly owned through inheritance and 4% of parcels belonged to the State. Overall, approximately 60% of all owned parcels had no property title.
- 2.5 Given the complexity of the problem of rural land tenure in Haiti, the Government of Haiti initiated with financing from the Bank the Land Tenure Securitization Program in Rural Areas (PSFMR) which implements a progressive strategy to improve land tenure security in the country, anchored in three fundamental pillars: (i) legal and institutional modernization; (ii) development of a team of land tenure and administration specialists; and (iii) designing and piloting a methodology for systematical demarcation and clarification of parcels in selected rural communes.
- 2.6 The program generated a significant quantity of high quality administrative data related to land tenure status over five municipalities of the country (84,000 parcels over 52,000 ha). In parallel the CNIGS collected in 2014 aerial imagery of the whole country and counts with a photogrammetric restitution workshop that allows carrying out accurate analysis of land use.
- 2.7 In this framework it becomes highly interesting crossing the georeferenced administrative data collected by the PSFMR together with imagery data related to land use, in order to observe and analyze potential relations between land tenure status and land use. This analysis will feed public policies and investments programs related to agriculture, natural resources management and territorial management, such as those supported by the Bank in the country (HA-X1002, HA-G1023, HA-L1107, HA-L1128, HA-L1097, etc.).

III. Description of Activities and Outputs

- 3.1 The technical cooperation will finance the design and implementation of a methodology to cross the geo-referenced administrative data collected by the PSFMR together with imagery data related to land use, in order to observe and analyze potential relations between land tenure status and land use. Other socio-economic or technical data to be identified could also be used in the analysis.
- 3.2 **Component I: Analysis of land tenure status and land use.** Analysis of land tenure status and land use

IV. Budget

Indicative Budget

Activity/Component	IDB/Fund Funding	Counterpart Funding	Total Funding
Analysis of land tenure status and land use	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 165,000.00

V. Executing Agency and Execution Structure

- 5.1 The Executing Agency will be the Technical Secretariat of the Interministerial Land Management Committee (CIAT).
- 5.2 CIAT has been in charge of the execution of the Land Tenure Securitization Program in Rural Areas (PSFMR, 27/20/GR-HA) and demonstrates satisfactory performance. Such production of knowledge to guide public policies perfectly fits in its mandate.

VI. Project Risks and Issues

- 6.1 Natural disasters may delay the production of the expected outputs.

VII. Environmental and Social Classification

- 7.1 The ESG classification for this operation is "undefined".