

Management of the Renewable Natural Resources

HONDURAS

SECTOR: Environment

PROJECT NAME: Program for Management of the Renewable Natural Resources in the Watershed of the El Cajón Reservoir (787/OC-HO; 918/SF-HO)

TOTAL COST: \$24.5 million

FINANCING:

IDB	\$20.4 million
LOCAL	\$ 4.1 million

DATE OF APPROVAL: November 24, 1993

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The objective of the program is to improve the quality of the environment in the watershed of the El Cajón Reservoir of the General Francisco Morazán Hydro-electric Complex by supporting the sustained management of renewable resources and the development of the rural population in the area. The specific objectives are: (a) promoting sustained use of natural resources and increasing agroforestry productivity; (b) protecting and restoring parks and other natural areas; and (c) conducting research and studies relevant to the watershed's management.

The program includes activities to assist small farmers and communities in the watershed, while enlisting their active participation in managing natural resources through four basic components: (a) agroforestry management, which will introduce soil conservation systems and increased productivity in 17,670 hectares; (b) forest development, intended for the protection and sustainable

management of the natural forests remaining in the watershed, including intensive management of 42,500 hectares of mature forests and extensive management of another 80,000 hectares; (c) management of protected areas, which will cover 133,637 hectares in the watershed; and (iv) related studies and projects for management of the resources in the watershed.

CIVIL WORKS: There will be some construction works and improvements related to the activities under the program.

CONSULTANTS: The following consulting services are required: a local specialist on tree farms (six staff/months); an international specialist in natural resource management projects (60 staff/months); an international consultant on hydrology and sedimentology (three staff/months); an international specialist on reservoir management and operation (nine staff/months); consulting firms to develop forestry management and slope stability plans and administrative/accounting information management systems; and short-term individual consultants (15 staff/months).

GOODS AND EQUIPMENT: Machinery, equipment, agricultural tools and inputs, and vehicles will be procured to support program execution.

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