

ABOUT FONTAGRO

FONTAGRO is a unique co-financing fund that promotes the development of science, technology, and innovation in the agricultural sector of Latin America and the Caribbean. Since its establishment in 1998, it has become a forum for strategic topics in the region. FONTAGRO comprises 15 member countries and two key sponsors: the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), which acts as the legal representative, and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA). With financial capital of approximately USD 100 million, it has co-financed over 200 projects, amounting to an investment of around USD 150 million.

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

The Board of Directors (BD), composed of the member countries, is the decision-making body responsible for strategic directions.

VISION

Our vision is to be an internationally recognized cooperation mechanism that sustainably strengthens agri-food and agro-industrial innovation among member countries.

MEDIUM TERM PLAN (MTP)

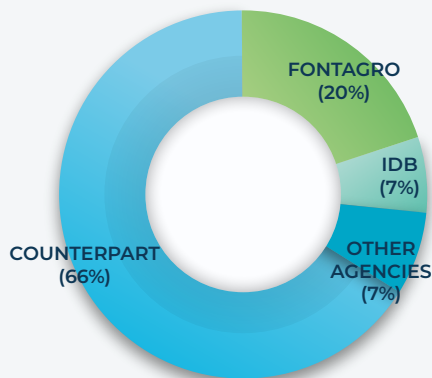
The plan focuses on improving the region's agri-food systems, emphasizing three strategies:



Strategy I: Networked, resilient, and sustainable farms.

Strategy II: Productive systems, sustainable territories, and agroecosystems.

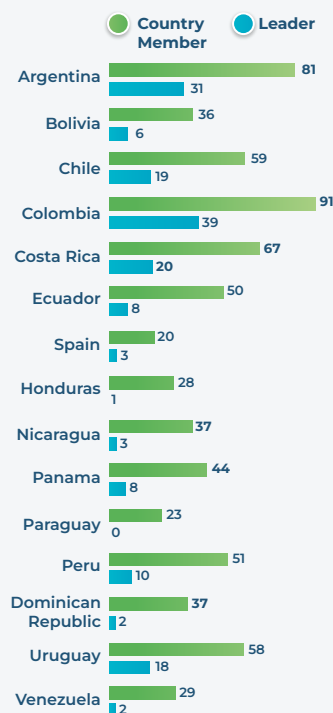
Strategy III: Food, nutrition, and health.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

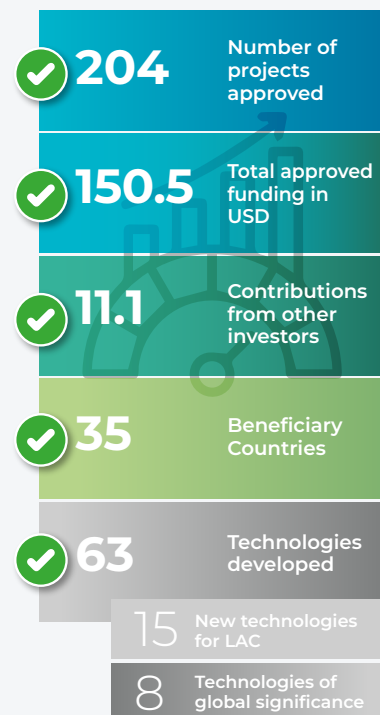


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98,991,344
-  FONTAGRO
30,479,468
-  IDB
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-  Other Agencies
11,137,346

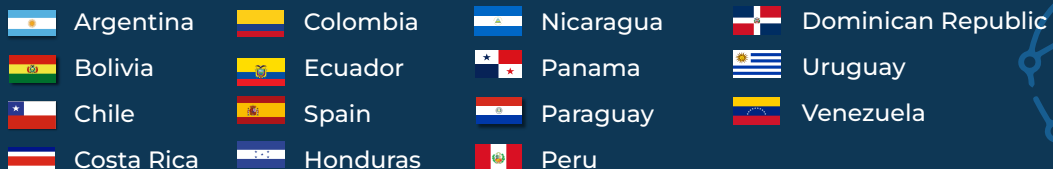
PARTICIPATION AND ROLES IN CONSORTIA SINCE 1998



FONTAGRO IN FIGURES



15 MEMBER COUNTRIES



FONTAGRO AND BIOVERSITY INTERNACIONAL

The Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT, initially founded in 1974 as the International Board for Plant Genetic Resources (IBPGR), is a global research-for-development organization. It generates scientific evidence, management practices, and policy options to utilize and safeguard agricultural and tree biodiversity to achieve sustainable global food and nutrition security. Since the creation of FONTAGRO in 1998, the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT has participated in 39 consortia representing a total of USD 37.5 million, of which USD 13.1 million was contributed by FONTAGRO and other agencies. Of these, two were co-financed by the Ministry for Primary Industries of New Zealand and FONTAGRO.

Additionally, the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT has led 13 of these consortia, totaling USD 9.7 million. The projects in which this alliance has participated have focused on research and technological development in genetic improvement, pest control, biodiversity, and technologies for climate change adaptation and mitigation in bananas and plantains. Key outcomes include:

1. A total of 378 farmers were trained through territorial dialogue platforms on water use in banana-growing communities to enhance resilience to climate variability.
2. Unified protocols were developed for selecting elite plants, managing banana bunches, characterizing soil health and quality for banana plantations.
3. A bagging technique was developed for closed bell bananas, reducing red spot thrips damage to 0-5%, compared to losses of over 40% without bagging.
4. Fertilizer application recommendations were generated, increasing banana production by 200-400 boxes/ha/year.

STRENGTHENING

1. FONTAGRO projects have revolutionized scientific research and innovation in agri-food systems in Latin America and the Caribbean, significantly increasing process efficiency and effectiveness while strengthening researchers' capacities.
2. Significant technical, organizational, and institutional strengthening has been carried out at the national and international levels in key areas such as sustainability, climate change, the promotion of more resilient agri-food systems, and food security.
3. Strategic alliances have been established with leading global organizations such as INIA (Venezuela), INIA (Peru), INIAP (Ecuador), the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT (Colombia), UNAM (Nicaragua), IDIAF (Dominican Republic), WUR (Netherlands), IDIAP (Panama), among others.
4. FONTAGRO-funded projects provide privileged and free access to cutting-edge technologies, contacts, publications, case studies, and international networks, thus promoting the dissemination and adoption of innovations in crucial areas.

EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS WITH BIOVERSITY INTERNATIONAL

YEAR	LEAD INSTITUTION	CONSORTIUM MEMBERS	TOPIC	CONSORTIUM AMOUNT (USD)
2022	AGROSAVIA (CO)	UNALM (PE), INIA (PE), Alianza Internacional Bioversity - CIAT	Multipurpose silvopastoral systems and family farming.	\$ 600,000
2020	INIA (UY)	AGROSAVIA (CO), INIA (CL), INTA (AR), INTA (CR), MAGYP (AR), Alianza Internacional Bioversity - CIAT, OSU (EEUU)	Soil-based carbon sequestration opportunities in Latin America and the Caribbean.	\$1,461,129
2020	AGROSAVIA (CO)	IDB INVEST, INIAP (EC), IDIAP (PA), FITTACORI (CR), INTA (CR), IDIAF (RD), INTA (NI), IICA (CR), AGROCALIDAD (EC), INIAF (BO), INIA (PE), UNA (PY), ASBAMA (CO), AUGURA (CO), OIRSA (SALV), MUSALAC (CR), Alianza Internacional Bioversity - CIAT	Prevention and management of Fusarium wilt.	\$1,784,298