



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)

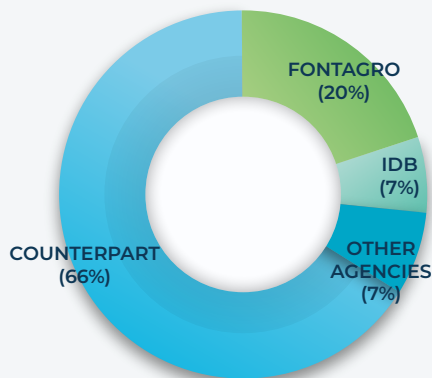
The plan focuses on improving the region's agri-food systems, emphasizing three strategies:

Strategy I: Networked, resilient, and sustainable farms.

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

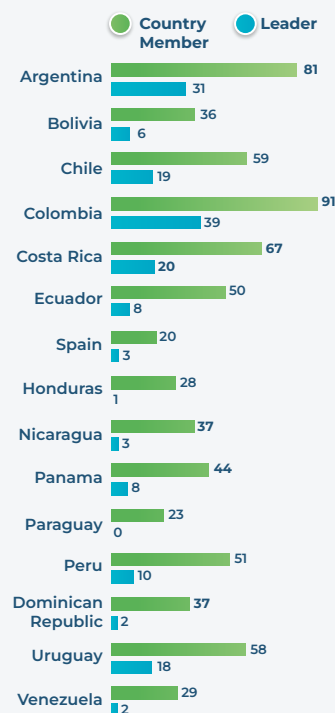
Strategy III: Food, nutrition, and health.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

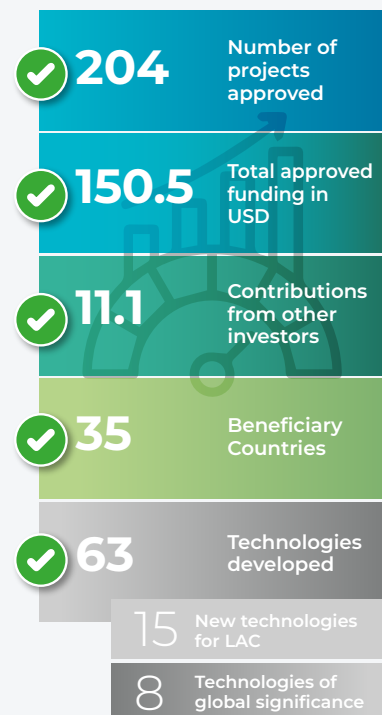


	Counterpart contribution 98,991,344
	FONTAGRO 30,479,468
	IDB 9,922,700
	Other Agencies 11,137,346

PARTICIPATION AND ROLES IN CONSORTIA SINCE 1998



FONTAGRO IN FIGURES



15 MEMBER COUNTRIES

	Argentina		Colombia		Nicaragua		Dominican Republic
	Bolivia		Ecuador		Panama		Uruguay
	Chile		Spain		Paraguay		Venezuela
	Costa Rica		Honduras		Peru		

FONTAGRO AND CATIE

The Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE), founded in 1942, is primarily dedicated to research and education in agriculture and natural resources in the American tropics. CATIE has participated in 17 consortia representing a total of USD 13.9 million, of which USD 4.6 million was contributed by FONTAGRO and other agencies. Of these projects, one was funded by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) of New Zealand, and two were co-financed by MPI and FONTAGRO.

Additionally, CATIE has led six of these consortia, totaling USD 4.0 million. The projects in which CATIE has participated have focused on research and technological development in cocoa, coffee, livestock, sustainable intensification, climate change, among others. Key outcomes include:

1. A network for exchanging information on livestock and climate change was established, standardizing greenhouse gas measurement methodologies in the region.
2. Twenty-three innovations were identified, aimed at improving water capture and use, soil conservation and fertility, appropriate use of genetic diversity, and the efficient management of animal feed, manure, and crop residues.
3. Four symposia and technical meetings were organized, involving a total of 272 scientists from 23 countries to review and analyze progress and results and to agree on priority activities for research, natural resource conservation, and climate change.
4. A regional platform for sustainable livestock intensification was supported, involving over 600 participants from 25 countries.

STRENGTHENING

1. FONTAGRO projects have revolutionized scientific research and innovation in agri-food systems in Latin America and the Caribbean, significantly improving process efficiency and effectiveness while strengthening researchers' capabilities.
2. Significant technical, organizational, and institutional strengthening has been carried out at both 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 INTA (Argentina), AGROSAVIA (Colombia), IDIAP (Panama), INTA (Costa Rica), IDIAF (Dominican Republic), IPTA (Paraguay), DICTA (Honduras), INIA (Chile), INIAP (Ecuador), INTA (Nicaragua), INIA (Venezuela), HEIFER (Nicaragua), ARGENTINTA (Argentina), CEFA (Italy), UNA (Costa Rica), the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT (Colombia), GIZ (Germany), INIA (Peru), RIKOLTO (Belgium), FCIA (United States), FITTACORI (Costa Rica), among others. Through these alliances, access has been gained to multiple international cooperation networks, including the Global Climate Change Alliance, which involves 41 countries worldwide, and CGIAR.
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 CATIE

YEAR	LEAD INSTITUTION	CONSORTIUM MEMBERS	TOPIC	CONSORTIUM AMOUNT (USD)
2022	UNALM (PE)	INIAP (EC), CATIE (CR), AGRESEARCH (NZ)	Sustainable livestock farming in the Amazon of Peru and Ecuador.	\$600,000
2018	ESPOL (EC)	AGROSAVIA (CO), FITTACORI (CR), INTA (CR), INIAP (EC), CATIE (CR), CEFA (IT), UMA (CR), Alliance Bioversity International- CIAT, GIZ (AL), INIA (PE), IDIAP (PA), IDIAF (RD), RIKOLTO (BÉL), FCIA (EEUU)	Multi-agency cocoa platform for Latin America and the Caribbean "Cacao 2030-2050".	\$2,701,521
2018	INIA (UY)	INIA (CL), INTA (AR), CATIE (CR)	Carbon sequestration opportunities in Latin American and Caribbean soils.	\$80,000