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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)

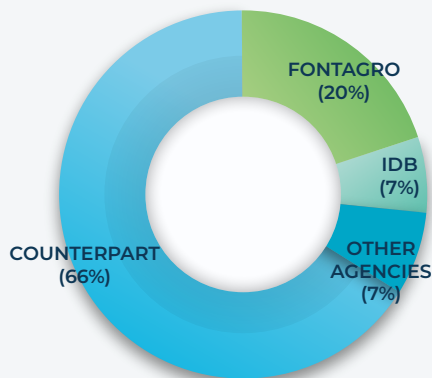
The plan focuses on improving the region's agri-food systems, emphasizing three strategies:

Strategy I: Networked, resilient, and sustainable farms.

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

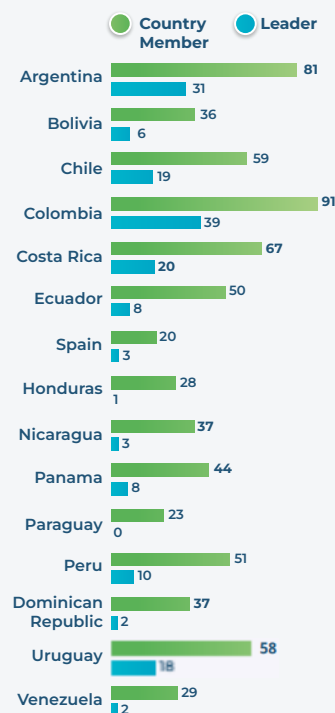
Strategy III: Food, nutrition, and health.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

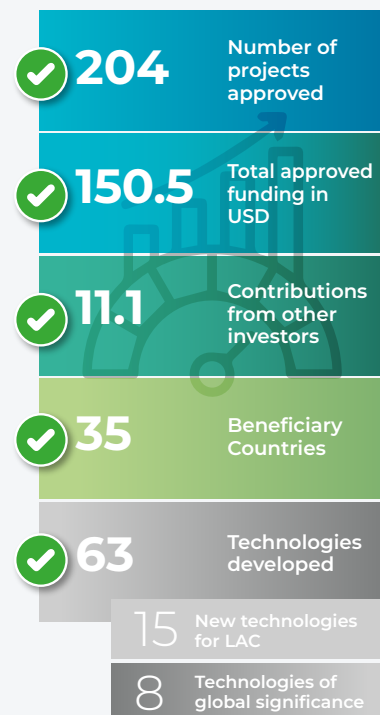


	Counterpart contribution
	98,991,344
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	30,479,468
	IDB
	9,922,700
	Other Agencies 1
	1,137,346

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 DICTA HONDURAS

The Directorate of Agricultural Science and Technology of Honduras (DICTA) was created in 1992 and began operations in 1995. Its objective is to lead the generation and transfer of agricultural technology through cooperation with existing specialized private institutions in the country, as well as to promote the establishment and operation of private institutions or companies with these purposes. Honduras has been a member of FONTAGRO since 2005. To date, DICTA has participated in 15 innovation platforms representing a total of USD \$12.4 million, of which USD \$5.3 million were contributed by FONTAGRO and other agencies. Of these projects, one was financed by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) of New Zealand, and two were co-financed by MPI and FONTAGRO. The innovation platforms in which DICTA has participated included research and technological development in beans, maize, coffee, cassava, potatoes, livestock, climate change, and sustainable intensification. Key outcomes include:

1. Development and implementation of innovative practices and technologies to improve productivity in family farming systems, contributing to the sustainability and resilience of rural communities.
2. Through training and technical assistance, collaborative projects with DICTA have enhanced producers' capacity to adopt technologies and practices tailored to climate variability and crop needs.
3. Promotion of innovative solutions for climate adaptation, benefiting small-scale producers and local organizations by implementing sustainable and resilient farming models.

STRENGTHENING

1. FONTAGRO projects have revolutionized scientific research and innovation in agri-food systems across Latin America and the Caribbean, significantly increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of processes while strengthening researchers' capabilities.
2. Significant technical, organizational, and institutional strengthening has been achieved at both national and international levels in key areas such as sustainability, climate change, promoting more resilient agri-food systems, and food security.
3. Strategic partnerships have been established with leading global organizations such as EMBRAPA (Brazil), INIAP (Ecuador), IDIAP (Panama), INIA (Uruguay), INIFAP (Mexico), the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT (Colombia), CIMMYT (Mexico), INTA (Argentina), INTA (Nicaragua), AGROSAVIA (Colombia), HARVESTPLUS (Colombia), CENTA (El Salvador), ICTA (Guatemala), CATIE (Costa Rica), among others. Through these partnerships, access to multiple international cooperation networks was obtained, such as the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases (GRA), which includes 41 countries, and the CGIAR.
4. FONTAGRO-funded projects offer privileged and free access to cutting-edge technologies, contacts, publications, case studies, and international networks, thereby promoting the dissemination and adoption of innovations on crucial topics.

EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS WITH DICTA HONDURAS

YEAR	LEAD INSTITUTION	CONSORTIUM MEMBERS	TOPIC	CONSORTIUM AMOUNT (USD)
2024	INTA (CR)	INTA (NI), DICTA (HN), IDIAP (PA), INIA (VE), IICA, BTP (HO)	Development and use of biologicals.	\$635,106
2024	INTA (CR)	DICTA (HN), IDIAP (PA), INIA (PE), UF (EE.UU)	Regional network for genetic improvement in LAC.	\$763,000
2024	INTA (CR)	DICTA (HN), IDIAP (PA), INIA (PE), INTA (AR), CORTEVA, UF (EE.UU), MPI – GRA (NZ)	Sustainable intensification of production in Central America.	\$773,500