



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)

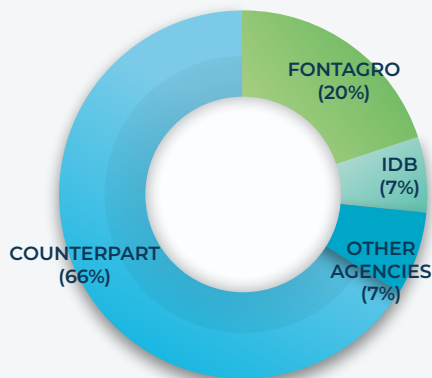
The plan focuses on improving the region's agri-food systems, emphasizing three strategies:

Strategy I: Networked, resilient, and sustainable farms.

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

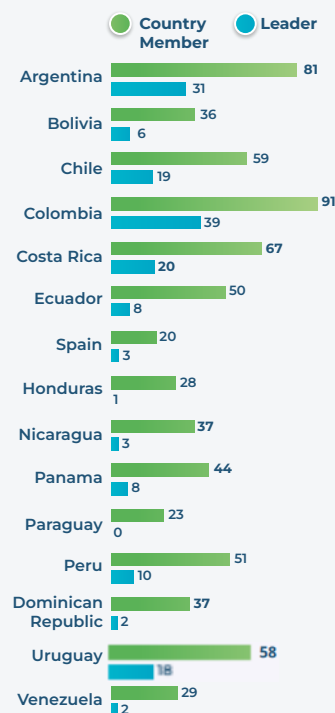
Strategy III: Food, nutrition, and health.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

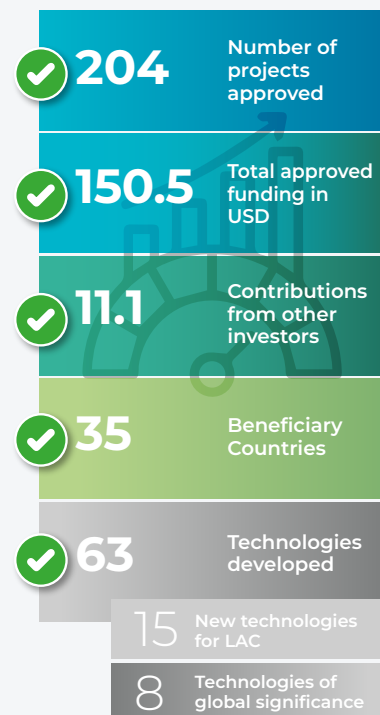


	Counterpart contribution 98,991,344
	FONTAGRO 30,479,468
	IDB 9,922,700
	Other Agencies 11,137,346

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 IDIAF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The Dominican Institute for Agricultural and Forestry Research (IDIAF), established in 1985, is the state institution responsible for implementing the Dominican Republic's agricultural and forestry research and validation policies. Since the creation of FONTAGRO in 1998, IDIAF has participated in 33 innovation platforms representing a total of USD \$30.9 million, of which USD \$10.1 million were contributed by FONTAGRO and other agencies. Among these innovation platforms, two were funded by the Ministry for Primary Industries of New Zealand (MPI), and four were co-financed by MPI and FONTAGRO. Additionally, IDIAF has led 2 consortia with a total value of USD \$1.1 million. The projects in which IDIAF has participated have focused on research and technological development in rice, maize, potatoes, vegetables, bananas, cacao, livestock, beekeeping, sustainable intensification, climate change, and more. Key outcomes include:

1. Establishing a network for information exchange on livestock and climate change, standardizing greenhouse gas measurement methodologies in the region.
2. Reducing losses caused by red spot thrips in bananas by 50%, equivalent to 200 boxes of bananas per hectare per year, resulting in an additional income of \$200 to \$400 per hectare.
3. Participating in the development of applications.

STRENGTHENING

1. FONTAGRO projects have revolutionized scientific research and innovation in agri-food systems in Latin America and the Caribbean, significantly enhancing process efficiency and effectiveness and strengthening researchers' capacities.
2. Major 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 alliances have been established with leading global organizations, including EMBRAPA (Brazil); INIAP (Ecuador); IDIAP (Panama); INIA (Uruguay); INIFAP (Mexico); the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT (Colombia); CIMMYT (Mexico); INIA (Chile); INTA (Nicaragua); DICTA (Honduras); INTA (Argentina); HARVESTPLUS (Colombia); CENTA (El Salvador); ICTA (Guatemala); CATIE (Costa Rica), among others. These alliances have provided access to multiple international cooperation networks, such as the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases (GRA), which includes 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, promoting the dissemination and adoption of innovations on crucial topics.

EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS WITH IDIAF

YEAR	LEAD INSTITUTION	CONSORTIUM MEMBERS	TOPIC	CONSORTIUM AMOUNT (USD)
2022	IDIAP (PA)	INTA (NI), DICTA (HO), AGROSAVIA (CO), IDIAF (RD)	Regional alliances for iron-rich beans in Latin American countries.	\$544,500
2023	INIA (CH)	UNALM (PE), IDIAF (RD), IDIAP (PA), INTA (AR), INIA (PE), AAPRESID (AR), HUARAL (PE), FUNDICCEP (PE), MPI-GRA (NZ)	Nitrogen Optimization.	\$1,037,451
2024	ARGENINTA (AR)	INTA (AR), INIA (UY), INIA (CH), EMBRAPA (BR), IDIAF (RD), MPI-GRA (NZ)	Resilient production to mitigate climate change.	\$1,108,764