



CAFTA-DR Environmental Cooperation Top Ten

Highlight Results from the CAFTA-DR Environmental Cooperation Program

Since Program inception in 2005, the United States Government and Program implementers have worked with the CAFTA-DR countries to:

1. Improve over **100**, and adopt **26**, laws and regulations, addressing issues like waste water, air pollution and solid waste.
2. Bring over **1.2 million** hectares of land under improved natural resource management and train over **4,000** farmers in best agricultural practices.
3. Train more than **13,000** people in enforcement and implementation of environmental laws, public participation, and cleaner production practices.
4. Reach over **10 million** local people through campaigns for public awareness on biodiversity and endangered species conservation.
5. Leverage over USD **16 million** in conservation efforts financed through other sources, including payment for environmental services and conservation funds provided by governments.
6. Strengthen enforcement of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), seizing over **3,500** illegal turtle products and **40** trafficked parrots.
7. Reach out to over **1,000** local people through the CAFTA-DR Secretariat for Environmental Matters, making them aware of the Environment Chapter's submission process through which they can engage in enforcement of environmental laws.
8. Provide assistance to over **450** companies in cleaner production technologies that promote energy and water conservation and reductions in waste, raw material use and emissions.
9. Train more than **30,000** people and government officials in natural resources management, biodiversity conservation and endangered species protection.
10. Establish a regional reference **ISO compliant** wastewater laboratory, building capacity to effectively measure and analyze wastewater samples, decrease water pollution and increase sustainable use.



Workshop on water conservation, Photo by USFS



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Cacao workshop for children, Photo © HSI



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