

# REGIONAL OUTCOMES

Improving **227 laws and regulations** to address wildlife trafficking, air and water pollution, solid waste management, and other critical environmental issues.



Working with over **710 Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises** to promote the adoption of cleaner production technologies, leading to reductions of greenhouse gases in more than **6,200 tons CO<sub>2</sub>**.



Attracting more than **US\$21 million dollars** in funding from private and government partners to support environmental cooperation activities.



With the support of the Central American Wildlife Enforcement Network (CAWEN), **25 operations** conducted resulted in **60 arrests**.

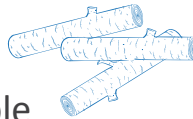
Reaching over **24.33 million** people through **environmental awareness campaigns**.



More than **8,150 people** have increased their economic benefits derived from the management and sustainable conservation of natural resources.



Trainings focused on achieving a long-term **sustainable management strategy** of the genus Dalbergia (Rosewood), and reducing illegal logging in the region.



More than **781 Small and Medium Enterprises** adopted new technologies or practices to respond to environmental standards.



Training **143,337 people** in environmental policy and enforcement has yielded improved environmental management for more than **1.8 million hectares** of land.



The mobile application for wildlife identification has been developed and launched. **VidaSilvestre.net**



Training **32,488** people in natural resource management and/or biodiversity conservation.



**31,300**  
Sustainable or environmental friendly agricultural practices

**1,120**  
School biogarden management

**128** Ecotourism

**57 port operators** received training so that Port Environmental Management Units can achieve compliance with the Central American "Green Code".



More than **3,563 people** trained to improve **CITES enforcement**.



In addition, more than **3,287** primary and secondary school students participated in workshops on wildlife protection.

Update of **Regulation OSP-01-09** – Integrated Regional Fisheries and Aquaculture Registry System (SIRPAC) to support proper fisheries management.



An **identification manual** on more than **25 commercialized** timber species was developed and published.



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Cooperation  
for a **better**  
environment

## Environmental Protection and Public Participation in CAFTA-DR Countries

**22 companies** participated in voluntary cleaner production agreements, reducing their greenhouse gas emissions.

Program implementation led to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from the agricultural and cattle sectors.

A diagnosis of the **wastewater treatment plant** located in El Roble, Puntarenas in Costa Rica, served to observe its operations and **propose optimization strategies**.

The elaboration of a **Manual of Political Advocacy for Integral Waste Management for Community Organizations** has allowed community leaders to develop political advocacy strategies from the grassroots.

Costa Rica built an **electronic platform for the Environmental Complaints System to facilitate and expedite communication** between the public and the corresponding environmental institutions.

**Costa Rica upgraded their electronic CITES permit** system to increase public and commercial access to government services, as well as improve government efficiency, accountability, and transparency.

**87 local civil society organizations** are promoting mechanisms to improve **solid waste management** in four municipalities of the Gulf of Nicoya.

Civil-society organizations implemented **8 projects** with a focus on raising environmental awareness, promoting public participation and providing workshops on environmental legislation.

**Indigenous communities** generated **9 environmental** management proposals to address environmental issues in their hometowns.

## Strengthened Enforcement of Wildlife Legislation and Public Participation

**Costa Rica** collaborated with Nicaragua and the **CITES** Secretariat to update their binational **CITES** Operations Manual, an important resource for cross-border cooperation.

Coordination of volunteer surveillance teams in the Osa Peninsula resulted in the **protection of 67 sea turtle nests**. In total, **13 international volunteers and 22 members of the local community completed 1,350 hours of volunteer patrolling**.

Through the CAFTA-DR Environmental Cooperation Program, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and the United States work together to strengthen environmental protection, improve the environmental performance of the private sector and promote public participation for environmental decision-making. CAFTA-DR promotes strong economic ties and the effective enforcement of environmental legislation.