



Project Title : **POSITIONING FOREST GOVERNANCE IN COLOMBIA**

Organization : Corporación Autónoma Regional de Risaralda CARDER (Environmental Authority of the Department)

Objectives: To upgrade the forest management on 11 environmental authorities with more effective forests control and management systems, helping to improve forest governance through the establishment of sectoral policies and forest legislation with the participation of public, private and civil society stakeholders.

Main target groups: 11 Environmental Authorities of Colombia and the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development

Main work area: Policy / legislative / regulatory frameworks





Location: Colombia (Departments of Nariño, Cauca, Valle del Cauca, Choco, Antioquia, Caldas, Quindío, Risaralda, Tolima, Norte de Santander)

Key local partners: 11 Environmental Authorities, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development and Asociation of environmental authorities.

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PROJECT BENEFITS



The project has caused, in Colombia, an interest to improve legal forestry in the regional and national level, bringing together diverse stakeholders to discuss possible mechanisms to improve the forest management process, which is geared to reduce illegality, and to promote forest management sustainability.

It has generated spaces of discussion to define forest legality insurance schemes, after reviewing the existing forest regulations.

The project achieved the inclusion, in the National Development Plan of the President, the fight against illegal timber, actions that are framed on the Pact for Legal Timber in Colombia .

Globally, it is expected to help improving the confidence level of Colombian forest products, as well as that the country determine starting a negotiation process of a VPA (Voluntary Partnership Agreements).



ACTIONS FOR FURTHER IMPACT



To achieve a maximum impact, it is necessary to broaden the coverage of the project, reaching across the country, so the legality actions become more effective.

To generate and apply a policy that encourages people to buy legal timber.

To update the country's forestry regulations, which must include mechanisms to demonstrate timber legality.

To promote the legal timber trade.

To generate technical consensus among environmental authorities, the ministries of Environment and Sustainable Development, Agriculture, and Rural Development, to construct a forest governance system in the national, regional and local level.

