



“Establishment of Legality Assurance Systems Based on Sustainability Certification for Forest Production And Chain of Custody, With Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) In Colombia”



Organisation:

Fundación Natura (Executor) & FEDEMADERAS (Partner).

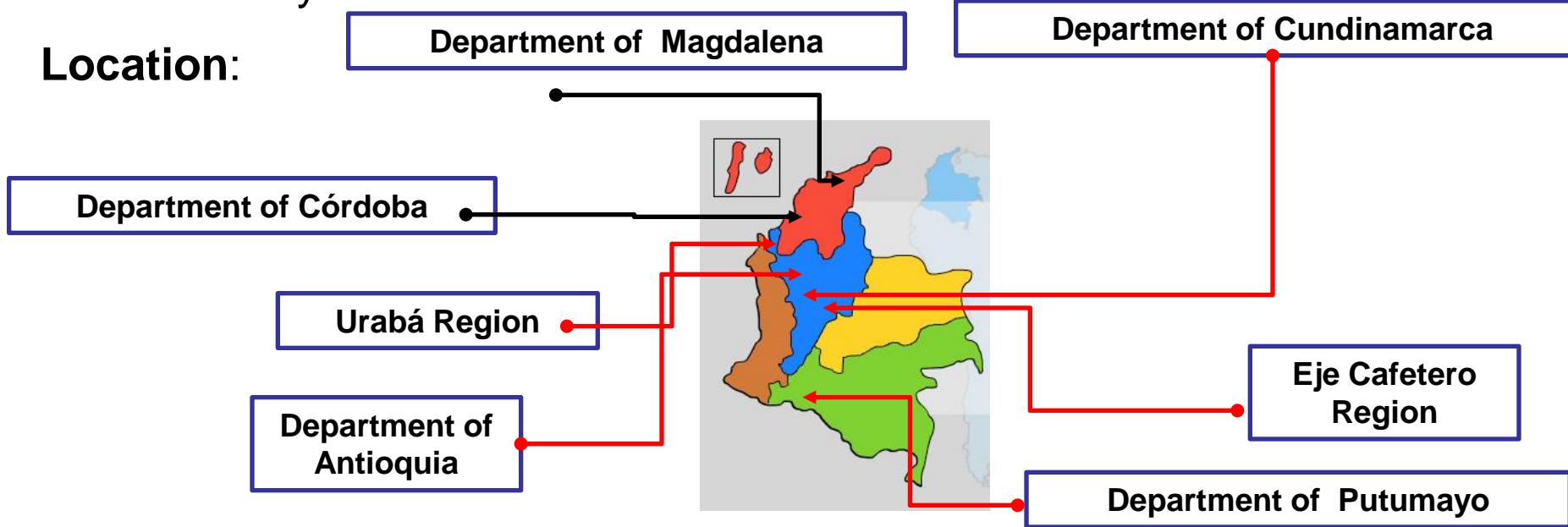
Objectives: To promote the establishment of legality assurance systems in Colombia through the implementation of the forest certification process of forest management units and/or chain of custody of small and medium forest enterprises

Main target groups: Small and medium forest enterprises and communities.



Main area of work (choose one): (2) Independent Monitoring and (3) Verification systems.

Location:



Main local partners: Team Group for the Voluntary Forest Certification (GTCFV), CORPOURABA, CORANTIOQUIA and CARDER.

Dates of implementation: January/2011 to October/2013

Budget: €649.702

Funding partners: €135.550



- ***How useful & supportive is this project to the FLEGT process? In your country? At global level?***
- Working with industry which streamlines the linkages between small, medium and large enterprises.
- The project has come up with information to more than 300 companies in the five geographical regions, explaining and discussing the benefits of forest certification.
- The project has created local capacity to implement and evaluate systems of law in the context of voluntary forest certification.



- ***How useful & supportive is this project to the FLEGT process? In your country? At global level?***
- The project has been promoting the association of small businesses in regional context to be more competitive and ensure the supply of products to market makers.
- The project has been established institutional partnerships with some environmental authorities, achieving sustainable production harmonize with the conservation of ecosystems.
- The project has initiated approaches for entrepreneurs to enter markets through responsible GTFN..



What needs to be done (by you, by others) to make your contribution stronger? To have more impact?

- Build capacity through extensive training of professionals to guide forest operations management systems to responsible and competitive ones.
- Ensure a longer term support for such processes as being recent, require more time for consolidation.
- Promote regional processes with institutional partnerships where they can join efforts to promote sustainable forest production.
- Greater commitment of state and markets to recognize the added value of certified products.



Thank you for your attention

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