

Development of an integrated and
comprehensive agroforestry policy for
Belize

Deliverable 1: implementation planning
and communication documents

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1. Introduction

Belize provides critical landscape functions within Mesoamerica, contributing to the maintenance of regional biodiversity and sustaining viable populations of many species considered threatened throughout their range. Belize's natural resources (including timber, medicinal plants, mangroves, coral reefs, etc.) have contributed towards national and local sustainability.

The potential of agroforestry to contribute to sustainable development has been recognized in international policy meetings, including the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Convention on Biological Diversity, but agroforestry today continues facing challenges. These challenges include unfavorable policy incentives, inadequate knowledge dissemination, legal constraints and poor coordination among the multiple sectors to which it contributes. As a result, its potential contribution to the economy and sustainable development goals has not been fully recognized or exploited. For that reason," various initiatives are needed to promote the benefits of agroforestry in Belize.

Based on the Terms of Reference of the "Development of an integrated and comprehensive agroforestry policy for Belize technical assistance", CATIE is submitting the first set of deliverables from Output 1 (Development of implementation planning and communication documents). The deliverables addressed are:

1.1 Work plan

1.2 Monitoring and evaluation plan

1.3 CTCN impact description

The deliverable 1.4, the "Closing and data collection report", will be presented at the end of this Technical Assistance.

A brief description of the deliverables of this report is the following:

- The work plan shows all activities, deliverables, outputs, deadlines, budget, and responsible persons to implement the response plan.
- The monitoring and evaluation plan is using the CTCN template including measurable, viable and relevant indicators.
- The CTCN impact description is showing briefly the intended outcomes and impacts in the way of a short theory of change.

2. Work Plan

The general objective of this TA is: “To develop an integrated and comprehensive agroforestry policy framework that will aid in mainstreaming this form of land use countrywide, providing practical knowledge and skills to the national team (National Climate Change Office, along with the Ministry of Fisheries, Forestry, Environment and Sustainable Development) to understand and use a tested and successful process to develop a National Agroforestry Policy (NAP) of Belize”.

The specific objectives are:

- Develop planning and communication documents.
- Assess the national current state of agroforestry by sector.
- Identify gaps and opportunities for agroforestry policy development.
- Review the current legal framework and coordinate inter-ministerial collaboration.
- Identify mechanisms for promotion/diffusion of agroforestry and mainstream women participation in agroforestry.
- Coordinate and prepare a draft of the national agroforestry policy.
- Consult stakeholders by district on the draft national agroforestry policy.
- Consolidate the final draft and organize a national workshop to present the final draft of the national agroforestry policy.

This first draft of the Work Plan (Table 1) is showing all activities, deliverables, outputs, deadlines, budget, and responsible persons/organizations to implement the response plan. The calendar of activities is shown in Table 2.

Table 1. Work plan framework

Output	Activity	Deliverable	Deadline	Person/Area Responsible	Cost (US\$)
Specific objective 1: Develop planning and communication documents					
Output 1: Development of implementation planning and communication documents	Activity 1.1 Work plan	Deliverable 1.1.1 Detailed work plan	July 2019	Eduardo Somarriba/Guillermo Detlefsen, Juan Carlos Méndez, Gabino Canto	525
	Activity 1.2 Monitoring and evaluation plan	Deliverable 1.1.2 Monitoring and evaluation plan	July 2019		525
	Activity 1.3 CTCN impact description	Deliverable 1.1.3 CTCN impact description report	July 2019		525
	Activity 1.4 Closure and data collection report (English)	Deliverable 1.1.4 Closure and data collection report	July 2020		525
Sub-total					2100
Specific objective 2: Assess the national current state of agroforestry by sector					
Output 2: National assessment of the current state of agroforestry by sector (base line study)	Activity 2.1 Review/ collection of data/statistics on forest cover & agroforestry systems by district/sector. Kick off mission to meet with Belize’s NDE & support team	Deliverable 2.1 A base line report with updated statistics on agroforestry systems by districts/sector	August 2019	Gabino Canto Eduardo Somarriba/Guillermo Detlefsen	3500
	Activity 2.2 Review of current permits and procedures for harvesting/transport/trade of timber produced on farms	2.2 Report summarizing permits and procedures for harvesting/ transport/ trade of timber produced on farms	August 2019		3500

	Activity 2.3. Implement of the South-South exchange mission with relevant stakeholders to Jamaica	2.3 Report on the South-South exchange mission with relevant stakeholders including pictures	September 2019		7000 8000 Travel costs
Sub-total					22000
Specific objectives 3 and 4: Review the current legal framework and coordinate inter-ministerial collaboration identifying gaps and opportunities for agroforestry policy development					
Output 3: Inter-ministerial coordination and review of the current legal framework to identify gaps and opportunities for policy development	Activity 3.1: Initial joint meeting with the Agriculture, Forest and Environment Departments to perform the key initial ideas and identify main key actors by sector to develop an agroforestry policy	Deliverable 3.1 List of main actors/roles involved in AF in Belize	August 2019	Mariela Morales, Gabino Canto, Eduardo Somarriba/Guillermo Detlefsen, Gregoire Leclerc.	2000
	Activity 3.2: Gather and review of existing environmental and forestry laws	Deliverable 3.2 A policy brief summarizing the scope, findings, limitations and recommendations for implementing agroforestry in Belize	September 2019		8000
	Activity 3.3: Review study cases to identify lessons learned representing gender mainstreaming in agroforestry policies	Deliverable 3.3 A technical report highlighting successful lessons learned on agroforestry development regionally	October 2019		4000
Sub-total					14000
Specific objective 5: Identify mechanisms for promotion/diffusion of agroforestry and mainstream women participation in agroforestry					
Output 4: Identification of mechanisms for	Activity 4.1 Visits to agroforestry farms and sounding in a workshop with	Deliverable 4.1 Technical document containing key information on agroforestry	August,2019	Gabino Canto Eduardo Somarriba/Guillermo	3500 1040 Travel costs

promotion/diffusion of agroforestry and mainstream women participation in agroforestry	stakeholders (not just those that are already practicing agroforestry) to discuss their priorities, gaps and needs who are moving toward agroforestry	systems related to benefits, services, barriers and incentives to mainstream agroforestry emphasizing gender issues from the participation of women in multifunctional landscapes, understanding gender perspectives in selecting tree species and farming systems, to the last link of the value chain, that implies role of women in the market		Detlefsen, Isabel Gutiérrez	
	Activity 4.2 Promotion and diffusion of at least two fact sheets highlighting the strategies to get benefits and services provided by agroforestry incentives/ schemes and the effect of gender integration	Deliverable 4.2 At least two fact sheets highlighting the benefits and services provided by agroforestry incentives/ schemes	December 2019		2000
	Activity 4.3 A technical report documenting the analysis of gender mainstreaming in agroforestry policies	Deliverable 4.3 A technical report documenting the analysis of gender mainstreaming in agroforestry policies	January 2020		5000
Sub-total					11540

Specific objective 6: Coordinate and prepare a draft of the national agroforestry policy and consult stakeholders by district					
Output 5: National coordination and preparation of the draft of the national agroforestry policy	Activity 5.1 Encourage the formation of a national task force to oversee the agroforestry formulation process	Deliverable 5.1 Technical guidelines draft to set up a national task force to mainstream AF	February 2020	Gregoire Leclerc, Kees Prins, Mariela Morales, Eduardo Somarriba/Guillermo Detlefsen, Gabino Canto	3000
	Activity 5.2 Regular inter-sectoral meetings for better policy coherence and synergies	Deliverable 5.2 Technical guidelines report, product from the interviews with key groups and individuals at national level that allow mainstreaming agroforestry in Belize	March 2020		5000 5900 Travel costs
	Activity 5.3 First draft of the agroforestry policy in coordination with related state authorities and key stakeholders	Deliverable 5.3 First draft of the agroforestry policy	April 2020		6000
Sub-total					19900
Output 6: Consultation meeting of the first draft of the agroforestry policy conducted by district	Activity 6.1 Organize a consultation meeting with key stakeholders across the country: three events for a total of 30-40 participants (10-12 per event) seeking for feedback on the draft of the policy	Deliverable 6.1 Report on consultation meetings including photos and media coverage (if any)	May 2020	Gabino Canto, Eduardo Somarriba/Guillermo Detlefsen	2000
	Activity 6.2 Consolidated final draft of the Agroforestry policy base on outcome from the activity 6.1	6.2 Report on the intermediate consulting workshop with the national task force	May 2020		3000 2250 Travel costs/ workshop

	Activity 6.3 Organize an intermediate consulting workshop with the national task force to share the consolidated policy draft	6.3 Final draft of the agroforestry policy	June 2020		3750
Sub-total					11000
Specific objective 7: Consolidate the final draft during and organize a national workshop to present the final draft of the national agroforestry policy					
Output 7: Preparation and presentation of the final draft of the national agroforestry policy	Activity 7.1 Organize a national workshop to present the agroforestry policy to several stakeholders (maximum 30 participants)	Report on the national workshop, including pictures and communications materials (including technical guidelines to set up and articulate a national task force to mainstream agroforestry and an online bulletin to share)	July 2020	Gabino Canto, Mariela Morales, Eduardo Somarriba/Guillermo Detlefsen	7000 1000 Workshop
Sub-total					8000
National Coordinator					12000
Other expenses (difusión & communication)					6732,73
Total					107272,73
Overhead (10%)					10727,27
Grand total					118000,00

Table 2. Calendar of activities (From July 24th 2019 to July 23th 2020)

Year	2019						2020						
Month	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July
Output 1													
Activity 1.1	■												
Activity 1.2	■												
Activity 1.3	■												
Activity 1-4													■
Output 2													
Activity 2.1	■	■											
Activity 2.2		■	■										
Activity 2.3				■	■								
Output 3													
Activity 3.1		■	■										
Activity 3.2				■	■								
Activity 3.3					■	■							
Output 4													
Activity 4.1		■	■										
Activity 4.2							■	■					
Activity 4.3								■	■				
Output 5													
Activity 5.1								■	■				
Activity 5.2									■	■			
Activity 5.3										■	■		
Output 6													
Activity 6.1											■	■	
Activity 6.2											■	■	
Activity 6.3												■	■
Output 7													
Activity 7.1													■

3. Monitoring and Evaluation Plan

The objective for the Monitoring and Evaluation plan is: “The TA Monitoring and Evaluation Plan has been designed based on the TA Response Plan and it will enable the implementer to complete the TA closure report at the end of the assignment”.

The process for designing and using the TA Monitoring and Evaluation Plan is based on:

- CATIE has identified all relevant indicators as specified in the TA Response Plan. This report contains 15 output indicators, 22 activities indicators and 5 core indicators, which are presented in Table 3.
- During implementation CATIE will collect all relevant data as described in this Monitoring and Evaluation Plan showed in Table 3. Aggregated data for the entire TA will be presented in the TA Monitoring and Data Collection Report for relevant indicators at the end of the assignment.

Table 3. Monitoring and evaluation plan

(A) Outputs and Activities as described in the Response Plan	(B) Response Plan target for the Output or Activity	(C) Indicator	(D) Method and frequency for data collection	(E) Value for Output/Activity produced using the indicator in column C	(F) Difference between targeted and delivered Output and activity values
<p>Output 1: Development of implementation planning and communication documents.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Work plan formulated -Monitoring and evaluation plan developed - CTCN impact described - Closure and data collection reported 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Number of work plan documents shared with key stakeholders -Number of M&E Plan documents shared with key stakeholders -Number of possible impacts caused by the participative formulation of the AF policy -Number of reports, statistics and data bases systematized 	<p>Guideline provided by the CTCN</p>	<p>July, 2019 July, 2020</p>	<p>NA</p>
<p>Output 2: National assessment of the current state of agroforestry by sector (base line study)</p>	<p>Initial Assessment conforming the base line study</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Number of documents contained in the National assessment. -Number of background informative documents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Desk review -Gathering secondary information - Develop of the repository 	<p>August - September 2019</p>	<p>NA</p>

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		contained in the appropriate repository			
Activity 2.1: Review/ collection of data/statistics on forest cover & agroforestry systems by district/sector. Kick off mission to meet with Belize’s NDE & support team	Forestry and Agroforestry Database built	*Number of statistical information on databases containing: National forest cover, area of agroforestry activities by district	Search and organize the necessary information	August 2019	NA
Activity 2.2: Review of current permits and procedures for harvesting/transport/trade of timber produced on farms	Document containing the forestry management activities description	Number of procedures and requirements for forest exploitation licenses, permits and regulations for all the forest management institution	Project report containing permits, procedures and requirements	August 2019	NA
Activity 2.3: Implement of the South-South exchange mission with relevant stakeholders to Jamaica	International trip exchange South – South cooperation between Belize and Jamaica	Number of reports delivered by the Belizean exchange trips participants	-Travel planning -Narrative notes -Pictures	September 2019	NA

(A) Outputs and Activities as described in the Response Plan	(B) Response Plan target for the Output or Activity	(C) Indicator	(D) Method and frequency for data collection	(E) Value for Output/Activity produced using the indicator in column C	(F) Difference between targeted and delivered Output and activity values
Output 3: Inter-ministerial coordination and review of the current legal framework to identify gaps and opportunities for policy development	Inter institutional join meeting and legal assessment analysing gaps, barriers and opportunities	-Number of institutional representatives who assist to the interinstitutional join meeting -Numbers of gaps, barriers and opportunities revealed in the legal and institutional assessment	Desk review, working meeting conclusions and recommendations and depth interviews.	August - October, 2019	NA
Activity 3.1: Initial joint meeting with the Agriculture, Forest and Environment Departments to perform the key initial ideas and identify main key actors by sector to develop an agroforestry policy	List of key actors from public, private and civil society sectors and key actors at the macroeconomic policy level	Number of institutional (Public, private and civil society) and individual actors involved in agroforestry activities by district	-Quick interview with key informants -Actors mapping	August 2019	NA
Activity 3.2: Gather and review of existing environmental and forestry laws	Legal assessment and inventory of environmental and forestry laws completed	Numbers of documents containing a feasible legal assessment of the policy framework on environment and	Desk review and depth interviews	September 2019	NA

(A) Outputs and Activities as described in the Response Plan	(B) Response Plan target for the Output or Activity	(C) Indicator	(D) Method and frequency for data collection	(E) Value for Output/Activity produced using the indicator in column C	(F) Difference between targeted and delivered Output and activity values
		forestry to ease the agroforestry systems			
Activity 3.3: Review study cases to identify lessons learned representing gender mainstreaming in agroforestry policies	A least 2 Case studies developed involving men, woman and young people	Number of case studies (at least 2) containing success stories on agroforestry activities and regional lessons learned	Bibliographic research and regional bench marking	October 2019	NA
Output 4: Identification of mechanisms for promotion/diffusion of agroforestry and mainstream women participation in agroforestry	-Gender strategy as a transversal component of the agroforestry policy -Social Communication Strategy implemented	-Baseline about woman participation in environmental, forestry and agricultural activities, from which is possible monitoring their participation -Number of barriers and gaps identified of woman participation in environment, forestry and agriculture -Number of communication medias as part of the social	-Desk review and depth interviews - Assessment of tools of communication and media available	August 2019 - January, 2020	NA

(A) Outputs and Activities as described in the Response Plan	(B) Response Plan target for the Output or Activity	(C) Indicator	(D) Method and frequency for data collection	(E) Value for Output/Activity produced using the indicator in column C	(F) Difference between targeted and delivered Output and activity values
		communication strategy.			
Activity 4.1: Visits to agroforestry farms and sounding in a workshop with stakeholders (not just those that are already practicing agroforestry) to discuss their priorities, gaps and needs whit those who are moving towards agroforestry	Visits and sounding workshop with stakeholder	-Number of stakeholders (actual and potential) consulted as key actors working in agroforestry activities. -Number of sounding workshops. -Number of participants in the workshop disaggregated by gender	-Transcript from the workshop	August, 2019	NA
Activity 4.2: Promotion and diffusion of at least two fact sheets highlighting the strategies to get benefits and services provided by agroforestry Incentives, schemes and the effect of gender integration	Factsheets developed	*Number of benefits, services and incentives generated by the implementation of an agroforestry system to be included in factsheet for communication purposes	-Review of communication medias to promote the agroforestry systems through the factsheets produced	December 2019	NA

(A) Outputs and Activities as described in the Response Plan	(B) Response Plan target for the Output or Activity	(C) Indicator	(D) Method and frequency for data collection	(E) Value for Output/Activity produced using the indicator in column C	(F) Difference between targeted and delivered Output and activity values
Activity 4.3 A technical report documenting the analysis of gender mainstreaming in agroforestry policies	Technical report document containing the effect of the women integration in agroforestry policies	*Number of technical inputs documented in the Technical Report	Database review Depth interviews Desk review	January, 2020	NA
Output 5: National coordination and preparation of the draft of the national agroforestry policy	First policy draft formulated in a participatory process	Number of key documents contained in the policy	-Focus groups by districts -Depth interviews using appropriated guidelines	February-April 2020	NA
Activity 5.1: Encourage the formation of a national task force to oversee the agroforestry formulation process	Technical guidelines developed for the task force through established focus groups	-Number of Guidelines formulated to carried out focus groups and depth interviews -Number of focus groups by districts implemented -Number of depth interview implemented	-Focus groups procedures -Depth interviews procedures	February 2020	NA

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Activity 5.2: Regular inter-sectoral meetings for better policy coherence and synergies	Coordinated meeting among inter-sectoral representatives	-Number of participants disaggregated by gender -Number of sectors and institutions represented in the coordination meeting	Transcripts and reports of the final agreements	March 2020	NA
Activity 5.3 First draft of the agroforestry policy in coordination with related state authorities and key stakeholders	All recommendations made by stakeholders and by related state authorities are incorporated to the first draft.	-Number of documents contained in the first draft -Number of documents validated	Remarks incorporated in the draft	April 2020	NA
Output 6: Consultation meeting of the first draft of the agroforestry policy conducted by district	First draft validated	Number of consultation meetings with representatives and the validation workshops developed	Recommendation incorporated into the first draft to be validated	May-June 2020	NA
Activity 6.1: Organize a consultation meeting with key stakeholders	Consultation meetings and validation	Number of recommendations and feedback out of	-Transcriptions reviews -Pictures	May 2020	NA

(A) Outputs and Activities as described in the Response Plan	(B) Response Plan target for the Output or Activity	(C) Indicator	(D) Method and frequency for data collection	(E) Value for Output/Activity produced using the indicator in column C	(F) Difference between targeted and delivered Output and activity values
across the country: three events for a total of 30-40 participants (10-12 per event) seeking for feedback on the draft of the policy.	Proceedings tabulated	proceedings from consultation meetings and workshops			
Activity 6.2: Consolidated final draft of the Agroforestry policy base on outcome from the activity 6.1	Consolidation of the validated draft with the stakeholders	Number of documents validated	Recommendation incorporated into the new version of the document	May 2020	NA
Activity 6.3 Organize an intermediate consulting workshop with the national task force to share the consolidated policy draft	Consolidation of the validated policy draft	Number of documents contained in the final policy draft.	Recommendation incorporated into the last version of the document	June 2020	NA

(A) Outputs and Activities as described in the Response Plan	(B) Response Plan target for the Output or Activity	(C) Indicator	(D) Method and frequency for data collection	(E) Value for Output/Activity produced using the indicator in column C	(F) Difference between targeted and delivered Output and activity values
Output 7: Preparation and presentation of the final draft of the national agroforestry policy	National workshop to communicate and defuse the validated agroforestry policy developed	-Numbers of steps within a protocol to organize the workshop -Number of private and public institutions (environmental, agricultural and forestry) represented in the workshop.	Infographic materials about the workshop results including pictures and videos	July 2020	NA
Activity 7.1: Activity 7.1 Organize a national workshop to present the agroforestry policy to several stakeholders (maximum 30 participants)	Online bulletin in place	*Number of online visits to the bulleting after one week posted	Compiling infographic information to elaborate the online bulletin	July 2020	NA

***Indicators linked to the TA closure report**

(A) Outcomes TA closure report (Core Indicator number)	(B) Outcomes TA closure report	(C) Core Indicator	(D) Method and frequency for data collection	(E) Value for Output/Activity produced using the indicator in column C	(F) Difference between targeted and delivered Output and activity values
28 a	Technical assistance closure and data collection report	Anticipated amount of public funding mobilized (in USD) from national sources as a result of the TA	Estimated cost based on the policy tools requiring public funds	July 2020	NA
29		Number of beneficiaries as a result of a mitigation TA	Projections of population levels benefited by the NAP in the intervention areas	July 2020	NA
30		Number of people with increased resilience as co-benefits as a result of the TA	Projections of population levels co-benefited by the NAP in the intervention areas	July 2020	NA
32		Average annual GHG reductions in metric tons of CO ₂ -e, as a result of the TA	Register from the inventory and annual reports presented by the National Determined Contribution (NDC)	July 2020	NA
34		Number of policies, strategies, plans, addressing climate change mitigation officially proposed, adopted, or implemented as a result of the TA	Compilation of documents related to policies, strategies, plans, addressing climate change	July 2020	NA

Table 4. CTCN Impact Description

<p>Challenge: Approx. 500 characters with spaces</p>	<p>The current advance of the agricultural frontier in Belize threatens natural ecosystems putting at risk the biological biodiversity and local sustainability, therefore it is necessary to reform and change the current unfavorable regulations in the forestry and agricultural sector through a process of a participative formulation and hopefully the implementation of an agroforestry policy. The challenge is to achieve the public support for the policy implementation by an active and participative process with key stakeholder.</p>
<p>CTCN Assistance: 2 to 4 bullet points. Approximately 450 characters with spaces That’s why is necessary to formulate policies that promotes the implementation of agroforestry systems, as these are highly productive and at the same time helps to mitigate the impacts caused by climatic events. Also this formulation is looking to strengthen inter-institutional and inter-sectoral linkages because the development of the policy demands joints active participation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Baseline study: includes the gathering of statistical data on forest cover and current agroforestry systems in the country by district ➤ Agroforestry Policy Proposal: formulation of an agroforestry policy supported by the coordinated work of institutions related to agriculture, environment and forestry through different activities such as sounding meetings, depth interviews and focus groups. ➤ First Draft Validated: review and feedback on the first written draft of the agroforestry policy carried out by state authorities and key stakeholders ➤ First Draft Final: Validation of the final draft of the agroforestry policy through a consultation workshop where the different governmental, private and civil society institutions and sectors are represented as key participants
<p>Anticipated impact: 2 to 4 bullet points to summarize anticipated impact. Approximately 250 characters with spaces. As a minimum, please include the impacts described in annex 1B as well as other relevant qualitative and quantitative impacts anticipated after completion of CTCN technical assistance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The assistance to the work meetings and workshops will acquire knowledge about public policy formulation. ➤ Reinforcement on current regulations and procedures for forest exploitation is achieved. ➤ The formulation of the agroforestry policy will cause improvements in the integration of inter-institutional work. ➤ Throughout the participative formulation process of the agroforestry policy the gender equity will be promoted and will guaranty its compliance.
<p>Linkages and contribution to NDC: 2 to 4 bullet points. Approximately 350 characters with spaces</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The formulation of an agroforestry policy will complement the national action plans and strategies developed by the agricultural, forestry, environmental and climate change mitigation sectors. ➤ In a ten years projection, the implementation of the agroforestry policy will increase the current forest cover by approximately 800,000 hectares. This could mean a carbon capture of 45 million tons, while other environmental benefits

	<p>will be produced, such as preventing deforestation, increasing biodiversity, protecting water resources, reducing soil erosion and stabilizing ecosystems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The implementation of the agroforestry policy will benefit some 160,000 inhabitants of rural areas in Belize. This will contribute to improve food security, increase levels of adaptation to climate change and it might result in alleviation of poverty, through the generation of income from the sale of wood, firewood and agricultural and livestock products.
<p>The narrative story: Approximately 1200 characters with spaces</p>	<p>Belizean producers depend on climate stability to guarantee productivity, but, the advance of the agricultural frontier has deteriorated the different ecosystems making the agriculture vulnerable to climate change, which mainly affects small producers who have no way of ensuring their goods. And also these issues represent a permanent hazard for biodiversity. With agroforestry systems is possible to develop productive agricultural activities in a friendly way with the environment, but there exist main barriers coming from adverse public policies, legal restrictions and lack of coordination among the sectors to which it contributes such as agriculture, forestry, rural development, environment and trade.</p> <p>That's why it is necessary to formulate policies that promote the implementation of agroforestry systems, as these are highly productive and at the same time helps to mitigate the impacts caused by climatic events. Also, this formulation is looking to strengthen inter-institutional and inter-sectoral linkages because its formulation and eventual implementation will need active levels of integration and coordination among public participants.</p>
<p>Contribution to SDGs: Always include contribution to SDG 13, and to the extent possible, please include contribution to 2 other SDGs, describing the contribution with a few sentences for each SDG concerned. A complete list of SDGs and their targets is available here: https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnership/register/</p>	<p>SDG 1: The formulation of the agroforestry policy considers the acceptance of the decision maker to establish this policy as a public one, which implies that it will promote several development projects in favor of the most vulnerable rural families to improve their incomes and reduce poverty.</p> <p>SDG 5: The agroforestry policy formulation contemplates the active participation of women as part of the taskforce in every step, proposing, deciding and presenting the policy final draft.</p> <p>SDG 13: Several technical documents containing key information on agroforestry systems related to benefits of increasing the resilience in productive units against climate change impacts will be systematized during the formulation of the agroforestry policy.</p>