

PoWPA State of Art in Colombia: Progress to date of the National Park System

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A double mission:

1. Administration and management of the National Parks System

56 National PA

12% Colombian territory

2. Coordination of the National System of Protected Areas (national, regional, local and private protected areas)

75% hectares in National Parks

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Element 1. Direct Actions for Planning, Selecting, Establishing, Strengthening, and Managing, Protected Area Systems and Sites.

- ✓ Developed and implemented strategic plan
 - 2006→objective, targets & indicators (2010-2014-2019)
 - Review 2010 (2014-2109)
- ✓ Completed ecological gap analysis (up to date 4 national assessments completed)
 - Establishment of PA → 5 new areas declared since 2007
- ✓ Integrating protected areas into the broader landscape and seascape
 - East Tropical Pacific Corridor (Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia and Ecuador)
 - Conservation and Sustainable Development Tri-national PA Programme La Paya (Colombia), Guëppí (Peru) and Cuyabeno (Ecuador)
 - REDPARQUES → Ecosystem Based Vision of Biodiversity Conservation for the Amazon Biome (8 Countries & 1 territory)

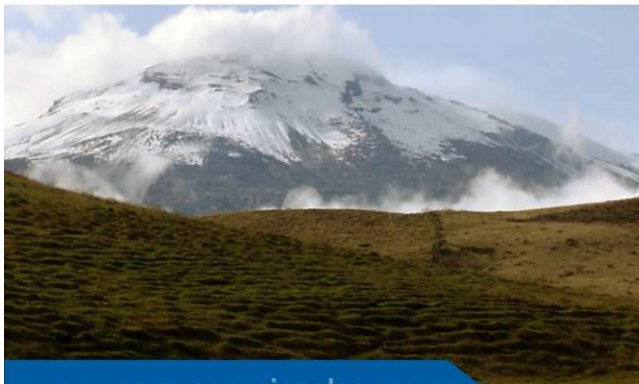
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Element 1. Direct Actions for Planning, Selecting, Establishing, Strengthening, and Managing, Protected Area Systems and Sites.

- ✓ Formulation and implementation of management plans
 - 99% PA with management plans
 - 2010 → revised or constructed (including climate change into process)
- ✓ Construction of Inter-institutional agreements in order to strengthen national action plans
 - e.i. Memorandum of Understanding (Colombia)
- ✓ Participatory ecological restoration in order to rehabilitate, restore and build ecological networks in coastal and terrestrial areas



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Element 2. Governance, Participation, Equity and Benefit Sharing

- ✓ Develop governance schemes with indigenous and afro-colombian communities
 - More than half of the national parks Natural Protected Areas with Indigenous and Afro-Colombian Communities
 - Bottom Up → Consultation and collective construction of the areas planning, agendas and agreements for overlap areas as well as in neighboring ones.
- ✓ Establishing PA that benefit indigenous as well as PA, preserving and maintaining their traditional knowledge—Yaigoge apaporis (amazon region)

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Element 3. Enabling Activities

- ✓ Established and strengthen communication strategy and public awareness program on the important of PA in terms of their role in biodiversity conservation and sustainable development
- ✓ Policy Document (CONPES SINAP) comprehensive, an ecologically, representative and effectively managed system of protected areas
- ✓ Completed national protected area capacity need assessment and are in the process of establishing capacity building program (ParkGuards Academy)
- ✓ Working toward financial sustainability
 - Gap analysis (4 years 18Million US) focusing national allocations, international cooperation and PA self generating income toward filling gap (roundable)
 - Established national environmental fund for PA (Fondo Patrimonio Natural)



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Element 4. Standards, Assessment, and Monitoring

- ✓ Developed and implemented management effectiveness evaluations in order to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of PA
 - 99% our PA → site level management evaluations since 2004
 - 1st National Park System effectiveness evaluation
- ✓ Monitoring PA status and trends through continuous monitoring of conservation objectives for decision making



