

**INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET
CONCEPT STAGE**

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

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| Country: Colombia | Project ID: P091932 |
| Project Name: Colombian National Protected Areas Conservation Trust Fund | |
| Task Team Leader: Juan Pablo Ruiz | |
| GEF Focal Area: Biodiversity | Global Supplemental ID: |
| Estimated Appraisal Date: July 15, 2005 | Estimated Board Date: March 31, 2006 |
| Managing Unit: LCSEN | Lending Instrument: Specific Investment Loan |
| Sector: Forestry (40%);Water supply (20%);Agricultural extension and research (20%);Flood protection (10%);Vocational training (10%) | |
| Theme: Biodiversity (P);Land administration and management (S);Water resource management (S);Rural non-farm income generation (S) | |
| IBRD Amount (US\$m.): | 0.00 |
| IDA Amount (US\$m.): | 0.00 |
| GEF Amount (US\$m.): | 15.00 |
| PCF Amount (US\$m.): | 0.00 |
| Other financing amounts by source: | |
| <u>BORROWER/RECIPIENT</u> | <u>27.40</u> |
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B. Project Objectives [from section 2 of PCN]

The project development objective is the design and implementation of the NPACTF as a long-term financing mechanism to contribute to the goal of financial sustainability of Colombia's National Protected Areas System (NPAS) and strengthen the institutional capability of Protected Areas and other conservation strategies for their effective management, improving local communities' well-being. In addition to this objective, the project will: (i) implement Management Plans (MPs) throughout the NPAS; (ii) develop participatory buffer zone management activities and connectivity between conservation areas promoting the sustainable management of rural agricultural landscapes; (iii) develop broad stakeholder participation and co-management between government and local communities, including ethnic authorities, in National Parks and buffer zones, and (iv) establish financial mechanisms and market-based incentives, such as agreements for environmental service provision, tax exemptions and bio-commerce initiatives for biodiversity conservation in public and private natural reserves and landscapes related to the NPAS.

Key performance indicators include: (i) the NPACTF in operation, with US\$15 million endowment fund and US\$27.4 million sinking fund for the NPAS; (ii) implementation of nine Management Plans with active community participation in National Parks and, recurrent cost financing for three National Parks and three other protected areas and conservation categories; (iii) five territorial ordering processes in place contemplating various economic mechanisms such as environmental services provision agreements, tax exemptions, bio-commerce initiatives, and sustainable production systems, and (iv) three co-management agreements in Protected Areas overlapping with indigenous territories.

C. Project Description [from section 3 of PCN]

With GEF and TFCA resources, the Colombian government will constitute a NPACTF with a US\$15 million Endowment fund and a US\$27.4 million Sinking fund. The project will finance the following priorities: (i) Creation and Implementation of the National Protected Areas Conservation Trust Fund (NPACTF) and Project Management; (ii) Support to NPAS Consolidation and Action Plan; (iii) National Park System and Buffer Zone Management, to include participative Management Plan implementation and (iv) Support to Other Protected Areas and Conservation Categories, to include environmental services provision agreements, incentives for sustainable production systems, and social sustainability initiatives.

Principal activities in support of these components include: (i) developing planning mechanisms in regional and private, natural reserves; (ii) biodiversity conservation initiatives in rural agricultural landscapes in selected buffer zones, through the implementation of sustainable production systems; (iii) active local community participation processes in protected areas management and rural landscape management for biodiversity conservation, and (iv) financial support for the management of core conservation areas defined by indigenous authorities and Afro-Colombian groups inside their territories.

The Fund's management board will be integrated by both public and private sector representatives, with a private sector majority. Public sector representatives will include the Ministry of Environment, Housing and Regional Development as the maximum environmental authority, the National Parks Authority as NPAS coordinator and a representative from the Regional Environmental Authorities (CARs). Private sector members will represent various academic and social spheres, including national NGOs, ethnic organizations, social sectors (i.e., business and peasants) and the academic sector.

D. Project location (if known)

Colombia

E. Borrower's Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies [from PCN]

The National Parks Authority, responsible for coordinating the National Natural Parks System, will execute components related to participative Management Plan implementation in National Parks and the signing of co-management schemes with indigenous territories overlapping with National Parks. The NPA has worked since 1999 through its Social Policy of Participation in Conservation, whereby participative Management Plans have been drafted with local communities for 49 National Parks. Despite the existence of civil conflict in some zones,

National Park Authority officials receive significant social support to their projects, which have provided communities with sustainable livelihood alternatives.

II. SAFEGUARD POLICIES THAT MIGHT APPLY

| Safeguard Policies Triggered | Yes | No | TBD |
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| Environmental Assessment (OP/BP 4.01) | X | | |
| Construction of facilities in Protected Areas may have environmental impact. Implementation of sustainable production systems may result in ecosystem degradation. | | | |
| Natural Habitats (OP/BP 4.04) | | X | |
| Forests (OP/BP 4.36) | X | | |
| Potential impacts on the health and quality of forests or the rights and welfare of people and their level of dependence upon or interaction with forests; and changes in the management, protection or utilization of natural forests or plantations. | | | |
| Pest Management (OP 4.09) | | X | |
| Cultural Property (OPN 11.03) | X | | |
| Some indigenous ancestral sites containing petroglyphs or cultural relics may be present in Protected Areas. | | | |
| Indigenous Peoples (OD 4.20) | X | | |
| Indigenous communities overlapping with National Parks may perceive an impact from the increase in effective conservation of these areas. | | | |
| Involuntary Resettlement (OP/BP 4.12) | X | | |
| Ways of life of communities inhabiting in or near Protected Areas may be impacted through restraints on natural resource use. | | | |
| Safety of Dams (OP/BP 4.37) | | X | |
| Projects on International Waterways (OP/BP 7.50) | | X | |
| Projects in Disputed Areas (OP/BP 7.60) | | X | |

Environmental Category: B - Partial Assessment

III. SAFEGUARD PREPARATION PLAN

- A. Target date for the Quality Enhancement Review (QER), at which time the PAD-stage ISDS would be prepared: 08/17/2005
- B. For simple projects that will not require a QER, the target date for preparing the PAD-stage ISDS: 09/15/2005
- C. Time frame for launching and completing the safeguard-related studies that may be needed. The specific studies and their timing¹ should be specified in the PAD-stage ISDS.
During Q1 and Q2 FY06.

¹ Reminder: The Bank's Disclosure Policy requires that safeguard-related documents be disclosed before appraisal (i) at the InfoShop and (ii) in-country, at publicly accessible locations and in a form and language that are accessible to potentially affected persons.

IV. APPROVALS

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