

# ¿What is the Initiative 20x20?

It is an effort led by the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in support of the United Nations Decade for Ecosystem Restoration, which seeks to prevent land degradation by protecting and restoring more than 50 million hectares of forests, agricultural areas, grasslands and wetlands by 2030.

## GOVERNANCE

### SECRETARÍA:

**WRI** World Resources Institute

### IT HAS:

**18** COUNTRIES  
**136** TECHNICAL PARTNERS  
**32** FINANCIAL PARTNERS

### 7 THEMATIC WORKING GROUPS:

- Good restoration practices.
- Policy, legislation and incentives.
- Monitoring and transparency.
- Investment ecosystem and carbon markets.
- Secondary forests and assisted natural regeneration.
- Biodiversity.
- Wetlands.

### COMITÉ DIRECTIVO:

**CATIE** Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Centre

**UICN** International Union for Conservation of Nature

Alianza Bioversity International y CIAT

**WRI** World Resources Institute

### Commitment to mobilize approximately:

**US\$2.5 BILLION** of public and private capital for the restoration

Latin America and the Caribbean are home to 23% of the world's forests. However,

**+ 40 %**

of the region's forests have already experienced deforestation or degradation. Conserving and restoring forests, wetlands and other ecosystems is key to stop and reverse these negative processes, while fighting climate change and protecting biodiversity

## 10 YEARS OF HISTORY

The initiative was launched in 2014 during the UNFCCC COP 20 in Lima. Since then, it has managed:

- To create a "Momentum of Restoration" bringing together governments, non-governmental organizations, companies and other key players.
- To improve enabling political and financial conditions in countries.
- To promote projects of restoration in Latin America and the Caribbean.

## VISIÓN

By 2030, the Initiative 20x20 will promote the restoration of 52 million hectares of degraded lands in Latin America and the Caribbean, with the aim of further mitigating climate change, conserving biodiversity and promoting sustainable development throughout the region.



Generate evidence on biodiversity restoration and conservation and climate change mitigation and adaptation.

The initiative adopts a comprehensive approach to restoration that goes beyond the simple installation of trees.

Its concept is based on the recovery of the functionality of degraded ecosystems, including:

- Regeneration of biodiversity
- Restoration of soils
- The protection of water sources and ecosystems for sustainable and resilient landscapes

## How will it do it?

Through the 2024-2030 Strategy, which establishes **FOUR FUNDAMENTAL PILLARS** for the next six years:

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### POLICY

Identify countries' policy needs and support their solution through collaboration with technical and financial partners, by:

- Landscape Policy Accelerator Program
- Landscape Monitoring Accelerator Program
- The priority to 2030 is to catalyze public financing to restore proven lands through operational monitoring systems.



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### KNOWLEDGE

Transfer knowledge in seven priority areas:

- Good restoration practices
- Biodiversity
- Policies, legislation and incentives
- Investment ecosystems and carbon markets
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### PRIVATE FINANCING

Leverage private financing towards promising business models, both driving and linked to landscape restoration, through:

- Identification and technical assistance to gender transformative business models and/or to manage secondary forests.
- Scaling of promising business models.



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### EQUIDAD SOCIAL Y DE GÉNERO

To build a participatory roadmap to address social and gender inequalities in restoration between the 20x20 network, through:

- Identification and collective work with leaders.
- Formulation and dissemination of technical and policy recommendations.



## IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGY REQUIRES:

A strong position of the Secretariat

The strengthening of inter-institutional relations

The appropriation of roles between partners of the 20x20 network