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II DEBT-FOR-NATURE SWAP UNITED STATES – COSTA RICA

During the past decades, the Government of Costa Rica has sought support from bilateral and multilateral cooperation initiatives to **strengthen efforts on biodiversity conservation, ecosystem services and mitigation and adaptation to climate change**. In 2007, Costa Rica signed the I Debt for Nature Swap with the Government of the United States, focusing on re-assigning external debt to a fund that could finance the protection and conservation of tropical forests emphasizing connectivity of ecosystems.

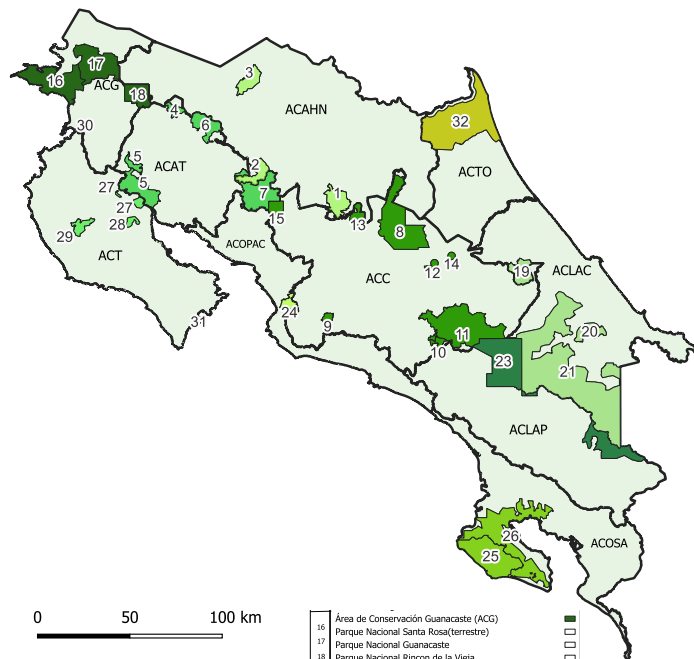
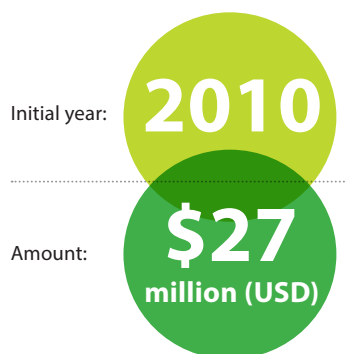
In 2010, a second debt for nature swap with the Government of the United States of was signed for US\$27 million USD. This swap re-assigned funds to finance the **consolidation of protected areas of Costa Rica through the Forever Costa Rica Program**, and under the global framework of biodiversity conservation of the United Nations (Convention of Biological Diversity-CBD). Forever Costa Rica Association has been the administrator since its inception.

Prioritized Protected Areas: Currently, 32 terrestrial protected areas of different conservation categories are supported.

Strategic guidelines: contribute to strengthening **ecological representativeness in the protected area system**; increase management effectiveness and resilience to **climate change** impacts at the national level.

Objective: to support the **conservation of terrestrial ecosystems** through the provision of a recurrent financial mechanism that will strengthen prioritized protected areas.

Oversight Committee:



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| Áreas Priorizadas | |
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| 1 | Área de Conservación Arenal Huetar Norte (ACAHN) |
| 2 | Parque Nacional Juan Castro Blanco |
| 3 | Refugio Nacional de Vida Silvestre Caño Negro |
| 4 | Parque Nacional Volcán Arenal |
| 5 | Área de Conservación Arenal Tempisque (ACAT) |
| 6 | Zona Protectora Arenal Monteverde |
| 7 | Parque Nacional Palo Verde |
| 8 | Reserva Biológica Lomas de Barbudal |
| 9 | Parque Nacional Volcán Tenorio |
| 10 | Parque Nacional Miravalles |
| 11 | Área de Conservación Central (ACC) |
| 12 | Parque Nacional Braulio Carrillo |
| 13 | Parque Nacional La Cangreja |
| 14 | Parque Nacional Los Quetzales |
| 15 | Reserva Biológica Cerro Las Vueltas |
| 16 | Parque Nacional Tapanti-Macizo de la Muerte |
| 17 | Parque Nacional Volcán Irazú |
| 18 | Parque Nacional Volcán Poás |
| 19 | Parque Nacional Volcán Turrialba |
| 20 | Reserva Biológica Alberto Manuel Brenes |
| 21 | Área de Conservación Guanacaste (ACG) |
| 22 | Parque Nacional Santa Rosa (terrestre) |
| 23 | Parque Nacional Guanacaste |
| 24 | Parque Nacional Rincon de la Vieja |
| 25 | Área de Conservación Amistad Caribe (ACLAC) |
| 26 | Parque Nacional Barbilla |
| 27 | Reserva Biológica Hitoy Cerere |
| 28 | Parque Internacional La Amistad (Caribe) |
| 29 | Área de Conservación Amistad Pacífico (ACLAP) |
| 30 | Parque Nacional Interoceánico (Pacífico) |
| 31 | Parque Nacional Chirripó |
| 32 | Área de Conservación Pacífico Central (ACOPAC) |
| | Parque Nacional Carara |
| | Área de Conservación Osa (ACOSA) |
| | Parque Nacional Corcovado |
| | Reserva Forestal Golfo Dulce |
| | Área de Conservación Tempisque (ACT) |
| | Humedal Palustre Corral de Piedra |
| | Refugio Nacional de Vida Silvestre Mata Redonda |
| | Parque Nacional Barra Honda |
| | Parque Nacional Dinta |
| | Refugio Nacional de Vida Silvestre Iguanita |
| | Reserva Natural Absoluta Nicolás Wessberg |
| | Área de Conservación Tortuguero (ACTO) |
| | Refugio Nacional de Vida Silvestre Barra del Colorado |
| | Áreas de Conservación |

II Debt-for-Nature Swap Prioritized Areas

Some achievements to date:

- 14 calls for proposals have been held since 2010, investing over **\$9.4 million (USD)**.
- Over **140 projects** have been financed, in **33 protected areas**.
- Collaboration with **100% of Costa Rica's continental territory** through their 10 conservation areas
- Funds can be managed by **25 eligible NGOs**.

