

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, HOUSING AND TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT Republic of Colombia



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COLOMBIA ROUND 2008



Conservation: A Developmental Priority

Through strategic partnerships between the Ministry of Environment, Housing and Territorial Development, Associated Research Institutes and the National Hydrocarbon Agency (ANH), the Colombian government is working towards the establishment of a national environmental baseline with the purpose of ensuring that activities undertaken in the Hydrocarbon Sector follow the standards and objectives of sustainable development.



NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2006-2010: "Estado Comunitario: Desarrollo Para Todos"

- Chapter 5: Environmental and Risk Management for Development.
- Environmental Agendas for the inter-sector harmonization of resource allocation to ensure environmental sustainability, socio-economic development and the mitigation of potential degradation effects resulting from development processes.
- Environmental Agenda with the Hydrocarbon Sector signed in December 2008.



ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSING

Environmental Licenses: Main instrument for State Vigilance of adequate practices in the Hydrocarbons Sector to ensure sustinable development.



ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSING

- Improvement of Licensing Processes within the Ministry of Environment: Quality Management System based in ISO 9001:2000 for the consideration of environmental variables in investment initiatives.
- Initiatives underway include:
 - Update of the Handbook of Environmental Assessment and Monitoring of Projects.
 - Preparation of the Environmental Guide for Marine Seismic.
 - Proposal for a Legal Standard for Marine Water Quality, Marine sediments, and Estuarine Water Quality in Colombia.
 - 4 Management of Areas with environmental liabilities.

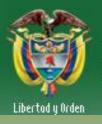


INTER - MINISTERIAL AGENDA

Promote Sectorial self – management standards, through environmental performance goals and sustainbaility indicators for the Oil Sector.

Implement, under the coordination of the Ministry of Environment (through IDEAM¹), a Single Environmental Register (RUA) for the hidrocarbon sector to serve as an information tool for environmental monitoring of developing projects.

¹ Hidrology, Meteorological and Environmental Studies Institute.



Hidrology, Meteorological and Environmental Studies Institute – "IDEAM"

Environmental Information System.

- **4** Forest and Ecosystem Monitoring Program.
- A National Program for the Monitoring of the use of Natural Resources.



NATIONAL MANAGEMENT UNIT FOR PROTECTED AREAS – (UAESPNN)

- Analysis of current and projected areas of exploration and exploitation in the context of existing Protected Areas and their immediate zone of influence (buffer zones).
- Revised socio-environmental ordainment of the buffer zones immediate to La Macarena Special Management Area.



BIOLOGICAL RESOURCE RESEARCH INSTITUTE "Alexander Von Humboldt"

- Zoning of the National territory for the exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons according to associated ecosystem vulnerability.
- Formulation of technical guidelines for the conservation and management of the affected areas.



MARINE AND COASTAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE "INVEMAR"

- Updated Assessment of the benthic macrofauna in areas between a depth of 200 and 800m.
- Online Catalogues of Relevant Species listed in the Marine Biodiversity Information System (SIBM).
- 2008 2009: Biological Profiling of the Caribbean Region.
 - 2010: Biological Profiling of the Pacific Region.



