

# Climate Change and the Transition to a Sustainable Economic Model



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# Climate action in Costa Rica

- Costa Rica conceives decarbonization and resilience as means to transform its development model and achieve a fairer, more prosperous and sustainable future.
- After signing the Paris Agreement in 2015, the country has strengthened its planning capacities and developed a new legal and institutional framework for climate action.
- A just transition must be gradual so that all sectors adapt without detriment to their activities.





# Core instruments for climate action in Costa Rica







## NDC 2020 - Thematic areas

- 1) Mobility and transport
- 2) Development and territorial planning
- 3) Energy
- 4) Infrastructure and construction
- 5) Industry, commerce and services
- 6) Integrated waste management
- 7) Agricultural
- 8) Forests and terrestrial biodiversity
- 9) Oceans, water resources and blue biodiversity
- 10) Action for climate empowerment
- 11) Transparency and continuous improvement
- 12) Finance
- 13) Climate Change Policies, Strategies and Plans



# National Decarbonization Plan (LTS)



## Ejes de Descarbonización

1



Movilidad sostenible y  
Transporte público

2



Transporte liviano  
cero emisiones

3



Transporte de carga  
eficiente

4



Energía eléctrica  
renovable a costo  
competitivo

5



Edificaciones  
sostenibles y de  
bajas de emisiones

6




Sector Industrial  
de bajas emisiones

7



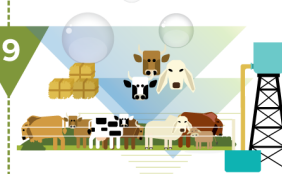
Gestión integral de  
residuos

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Sistemas  
agroalimentarios  
bajos en carbono

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Modelo ganadero  
bajo en emisiones

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Gestión de territorios  
con soluciones basadas  
en naturaleza



# The SCALA project

- Developed with the collaboration of various international cooperation entities, the private sector and other organizations, the initiative supports the processes of just transition and sustainable development.
- Its objective is to integrate traditional productive activities into sustainable models without sacrificing economic development.
- As a result, pilots have been implemented to promote sustainable agricultural and livestock practices, which allow their products to be differentiated in the market, positioning them at a better price.



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- **Certification Standard:** The Corporación de Fomento Ganadero (CORFOGA), developed a certification standard to differentiate the product (meat and dairy) obtained under that initiative.
  - With FAO's support, this standard was put into practice in a pilot for deforestation-free beef certification on 15 farms in the Brunca region of Costa Rica.
  - Objective: To differentiate products (meat and dairy) in the market, promoting a sustainable and deforestation-free production model.
  - Results: Funds were identified to encourage development and a market study was carried out, the results of which are yet to be published.



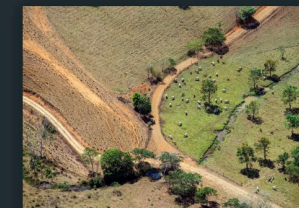
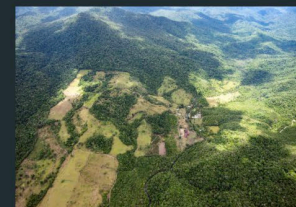


## Productive Landscape Verification Tool(MOCUPP)

- Software to verify loss or gain of tree coverage.
- Implementation: CORFOGA was supported with resources to facilitate the system of registration and verification of productive units.
- Results: The tree cover layer associated with pastures was updated, showing a minimum loss of cover that does not exceed the gain.

### Cultivo de pastos en Costa Rica **Línea base para el 2018**

La ganadería es la actividad humana que ocupa mayor superficie en la Tierra, siendo muy importante a nivel sociopolítico y generando millones de empleos. En el 2019, MOCUPP inició el mapeo piloto de área de pasturas con datos del 2018 en los cantones de Pérez Zeledón, Buenos Aires y Coto Brus. En el 2020, se completó el mapeo de las áreas de pastos a nivel nacional para el 2018. El mapeo de pastos corresponde a las áreas con una cobertura de copa de árboles, arbustos o palmas inferiores al 70%. Se cultiva en las 6 regiones del país.







## Soil Recarbonization

- Piloting Protocols: Soil recarbonization protocols were tested on cattle and coffee farms, with the participation of the company Dos Pinos and the Costa Rican Coffee Institute (ICAFFE).
- Results: Accurate data on soil organic carbon were obtained, and economic recognition is being sought for producers involved in this process.





# El proyecto SCALA

## Sustainability and Future

- Certification and Traceability: The aim is to certify and verify production units with technological tools such as MOCUP, in line with the European Green Deal.
- Inter-Agency Collaboration: The importance of collaboration between different institutions and sectors to ensure long-term sustainability is highlighted.
- Recognition and Payment for Environmental Services: A system of payment for environmental services is being considered for producers who contribute to the recarbonization of soils.

# Thank you for your attention

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