

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	LAC Regional
Program Title:	U.S.-LAC Environmental Partnership
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	598-018
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$500,000 DA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$500,000 DA
Year of Initial Obligation:	2000
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2006

Summary: The U.S.-Latin America and Caribbean Environmental Partnership (U.S.-LACEP) program seeks to improve the environmental performance of targeted Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) businesses and communities by advancing replicable policy, technology, and finance mechanisms pertaining to: key trade-related environment issues within the context of the Free Trade Area of the Americas; efficient and renewable energy; industrial cleaner production; sound water resources management; and sustainable forestry.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Increased Participation in Global Trade and Investment (\$300,000 DA). USAID will provide technical assistance and training to strengthen the capacity of LAC trading partners to assess and mitigate potential negative environment impacts from increased trade. USAID will provide technical assistance to parties of the U.S.-Central America Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) to improve the enforcement of environmental laws and compliance with obligations set out in the CAFTA environmental chapter. Principal grantees: Organization of American States (OAS)/Inter-American Forum on Environmental Law and possibly others to be determined.

Reduce, Prevent and Mitigate Pollution (\$100,000 DA). USAID will continue to reduce, prevent and mitigate pollution by supporting replicable regional and bilateral initiatives that increase the adoption of cleaner production practices and technologies among the private sector and local governments in LAC region. Principal contractors: PA Consulting, Inc. and others to be determined.

Improve Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and Biodiversity (\$100,000 DA). USAID will continue to improve sustainable management of natural resources and promote responsible forest products through a partnership with the Sustainable Forest Products Global Alliance. The Alliance will disseminate important market information to LAC forest products producers. By contributing additional funds and technical assistance to the alliance, USAID will enhance the impact in the LAC region of efforts to build the trade capacity of communities and small/medium enterprises. Principal grantee: Metafor.

FY 2006 Program: Increased Participation in Global Trade and Investment (\$300,000 DA). Assistance and training will focus on the Andean region to help strengthen the capacity of the Colombian, Ecuadorian and Peruvian governments to enforce environmental laws and meet their environmental obligations under the Andean free trade agreement. Principal implementers will be determined.

Reduce, Prevent and Mitigate Pollution (\$200,000 DA). USAID will continue to provide technical assistance to promote the link between economic competitiveness, and environmental performance and waste minimization with a focus on the Andean region. USAID will work to

increase the adoption of cleaner production practices and technologies in the fishing and aquaculture sectors. Principal implementers will be determined.

Performance and Results: U.S.-LACEP has contributed to the improvement of the environmental performance of targeted LAC business and communities. On trade and environment, U.S.-LACEP has increased the capacity of six countries (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Costa Rica and Guatemala) to conduct environment assessments of trade agreements. Such assessments have led to environmental policy initiatives to mitigate negative environmental impacts from trade. Six more studies are currently being undertaken in the Caribbean, Central America and the Andes. In 2004, U.S.-LACEP continued to strengthen waste exchange programs in Peru and Bolivia which now include hospitals and health clinics. The programs have significantly reduced the volume of glass, paper cardboard and plastic waste that is disposed of in open landfills. The Bolivia program is also exploring options for the use of waste rice peel for the wood and construction sectors. Following the creation of a network of producers of certified forest products in Central America to enhance the linkages between international markets and producers, U.S.-LACEP continued to market information for timber products in the Andes through the Sustainable Forest Products Global Alliance.

In 2004 the Environmental Health Program (EHP) came to a close. In its five years of existence, EHP developed and disseminated six case studies on the decentralization of water supply and sanitation, focusing on management models for small towns. EHP also developed a methodology for designing sustainable municipal sanitation services and field tested it. Based on the lessons learned from the project, EHP helped revise the Pan American Health Organization's water supply and sanitation sector assessment guidelines and helped provide support for rural communities undertaking water and sanitation projects. EHP also assisted in developing a sanitation plan for Itagua, Paraguay.

By the end of the program, the environmental performance of targeted LAC business and communities will be improved through the introduction and adoption of replicable market-based models. The adoption of improved policies, strategies and practices, and financing mechanisms will support environmentally-sound economic and social development.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

LAC Regional

598-018 U.S.-LAC Environmental Partnership	DA
Through September 30, 2003	
Obligations	2,895
Expenditures	2,709
Unliquidated	186
Fiscal Year 2004	
Obligations	270
Expenditures	300
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	3,165
Expenditures	3,009
Unliquidated	156
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA	
Obligations	500
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	500
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	500
Future Obligations	2,108
Est. Total Cost	6,273