



RÉPUBLIQUE  
FRANÇAISE

*Liberté  
Égalité  
Fraternité*



## AFD and **Costa Rica**



**470 millions**

euros committed since 2019

**94 %**

of commitments have  
climate co-benefits

**25,5 %**

of the country is protected

A country with great ecological wealth, Costa Rica stands out for its continuous commitment to the conservation of the environment and biodiversity since the 1980s. AFD has been assisting the country with its ecological and inclusive transition since 2019, via several financial instruments and technical cooperation activities.

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# OUR ACTION IN Costa Rica

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## *Supporting a low-carbon and resilient trajectory*

A leading country in the fight against climate change, Costa Rica has set itself the objective of achieving carbon neutrality by 2050.

AFD is assisting the country on this path:

- We are supporting the implementation of the National Decarbonization Plan. Cooperation activities are being conducted around the promotion of the use of electricity (especially in transport), greener agriculture, climate governance and sustainable territorial planning.
- AFD is also helping BNCR, the country's main public bank, to structure its climate finance activity. Two credit lines are financing investments with climate benefits, especially for the development of electric mobility.

We are also supporting two projects to disseminate good environmental practices in hospitals and update the Ministry of Education's agricultural training.

Costa Rica is one of the world's most vulnerable countries to the impacts of climate change. AFD has carried out several activities that contribute to climate change adaptation. For example, it has helped the National System of Conservation Areas (SINAC) develop a system to monitor the state of mangroves, which are crucial allies in tackling coastal erosion and flooding.

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## *Improving the management of essential services*

AFD is supporting several projects to provide access to essential and effective services.

One of these projects aims to strengthen 60 ASADAS (Community Water Management Associations) in the Greater Metropolitan Area of San José. This project will help safeguard water resources, improve drinking water supply and increase the climate change resilience of services.

In Puerto Limón, a sanitation and flood control program has also been supported through a multi-country credit line to the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (BCIE).

In addition, AFD is supporting the Duo-Diversité project, led by the Sud Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region and Costa Rica. These territories exchange their good practices on eco-tourism, biodiversity and water resources management. One of the objectives of this component is to reduce agricultural water pollution, which is a major problem in Costa Rica.

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## *Promoting a just transition*

AFD's action in Costa Rica aims to contribute to more equitable growth by combining environmental protection and social development.

The second loan to support the National Decarbonization Plan covers the just transition and the promotion of gender equality across all areas of cooperation. AFD is supporting two regional projects co-financed and managed by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) which also target more inclusive growth. The first will develop public policies for the elderly. The second will focus on increasing women's participation in the labor market and equal pay.

AFD is also helping its Costa Rican partners ensure that decision-makers take greater account of environmental law and influence the related local, regional and national policies.

Furthermore, we are assisting the CSO Human Resources Without Borders (RHSF) with a project to prevent child labor and forced labor.