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REDD+ In Paraguay

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Paraguay REDD+ Country

- Several initiatives at national and sub-national levels
 - Support from UN – REDD program
 - Two initiatives from the government of Japan for capacity building and strengthening of environmental and forest management
 - Funds from the World Bank’s FCPF yet to be accessed
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National Joint Program UN-REDD

- 4,6 US \$ millions in funds
 - Working with 3 de UN agencies (FAO, UNEP, UNDP)
 - REDD+ capacity building
 - 36 months for budget execution
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Main results

- Development of a REDD+ Plan
 - Creation of a MRV system / National Forest Monitoring System
 - Design and implementation of an Safeguards Information Systems
 - Development of future scenarios for the deforestation in Paraguay
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Initiative from the government of Japan

- Support for the development of the MRV system
 - Generation of deforestation and degradation maps
 - Generation of carbon stock maps based on allometric models
 - Strengthening of the National Forestry Institute (INFONA) regional offices
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WWF role

- WWF actively participates in the process to define a national REDD plan , including participating in the UN-REDD program
 - Recipient of a grant from the German government to support REDD+ capacity building at national and local levels
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What is ParLu?

- ParLu (Paraguay Land Use) is 3 years-initiative (2012 – 2015) between WWF Paraguay-CO and WWF Germany that will support the REDD+ initiatives in Paraguay
 - ParLu is supported by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU), within its International Climate Initiative (ICI)
 - It is focused at a local level in communities located in the Atlantic Forest and the Paraguayan Pantanal to support the national REDD+ strategy
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Why ParLu?

Background

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- Agriculture expansion has decimated valuable forests and ecologically altered wetlands and pasturelands in **Atlantic Forest, Chaco and the Pantanal.**
 - The Paraguayan Government has enacted protection laws to avoid deforestation:
 - Zero Net Deforestation Law in the Eastern Region of **Paraguay** (2004) which will expire on December 2013
 - Environmental Services Law 3001/06
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Current scenario impacting forest conservation

- Absence of consistent politics: development vs. conservation of resources
 - Soybean and beef represent almost 50% of the Paraguay's GDP and conservation ????
 - There is no talk about integrating agricultural development with conservation nor vice versa
 - Absence of schemes promoting the valuation of environmental services provided by ecosystems
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REDD+ Process in Paraguay

Paraguay's Preparation as REDD+ Country

- UN – REDD
 - Japan Cooperation
 - Local REDD+ Projects
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Goals of the Initiative

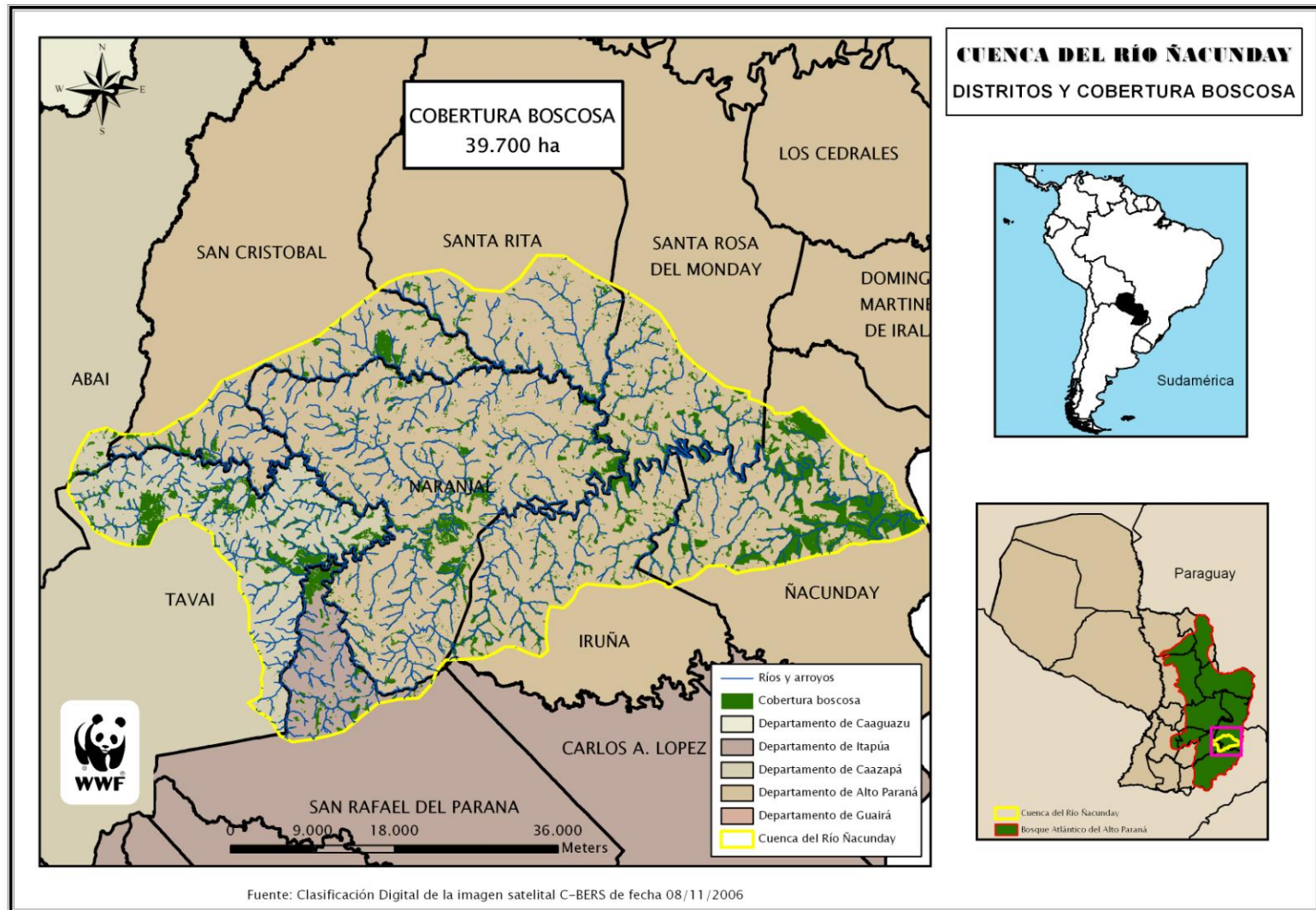
To work at sub-national, and national levels, to support capacity building and the development of pilot initiatives, and to promote these actions at the international level.

To stop and reverse the loss and degradation of forests in Paraguay, by supporting the implementation and development of REDD+ activities at local and national levels.

To develop socioeconomic alternatives that help improving the livelihoods of people of rural areas and indigenous communities implementing REDD+ activities.

To support the implementation of governance models and funding schemes that allow for the participatory and fair access to REDD+ benefits at a local level.

Where do we work?





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Expected Outcomes

- To collaborate with the process of construction of REDD+ in Paraguay
 - Respect for the rights of indigenous people in areas of the project.
 - Biodiversity in pilot areas will be protected.
 - Improvement of livelihoods for rural populations with the implementation of Better Management Practices in agriculture and forestry.
 - Financing mechanisms such as Payment for Environmental Services (PES) as a system for the distribution of the analyzed benefits.
 - Improved forest governance, especially regarding the relationships of governmental entities responsible for the management of forestlands, as well as the production, conservation and other forest uses.
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How we are planning to work

- To work at three levels (local, national, international) to consolidate and achieve the communication, coordination and lessons learned of REDD+
 - To design initiatives in pilot areas with local and indigenous communities to better understand their requirements to improve their livelihoods, and to protect the environment
 - Capacity building at sub-national and national levels
 - To support the development of a protocol for a better implementation of the PSA law.
 - To collaborate in the construction of the MRV tool with key stakeholders
 - Capacity building with lessons learned to share with other regions and countries
 - Constant communication and coordination with the project's partners
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