

**INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING PROJECTS
AWARDED ON LAND TENURE**

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT	PRINCIPALS	COUNTRIES	SPONSOR	DATES
<p>Land Policy for Protected Areas</p> <p>Designing the policy for the use of land in Protected Areas and its implementation program. Protected areas in Nicaragua represent 18% of the country. When adding their buffer zones, the area affected by these policies covers more than 40% of the country. Among the topics of this policy we can highlight: sustainable use of the land, land tenure issues, indigenous communities and domestic migration, and the environment.</p>	<p>Federico Fische Alden Jirón</p>	<p>NICARAGUA</p>	<p>PRODEP WORLD BANK</p>	<p>10/03 - 05/04</p>
<p>Technical Assistance to the Rural Land Market Unit (RLMU) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Forestry in Land Titling and Market Development</p> <p>The project objective was to create and strengthen the Rural Land Market Unit within the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAGFOR) so this Ministry can analyze existing public sector policies concerning rural land. The Ministry is mandated by law with doing such studies and with recommending reforms so these policies will promote the resolution of conflicts over land and facilitate access to land through market mechanisms, by producers who want to put it to productive and sustainable uses. A large number of activities, studies and policy recommendations were completed including, among them: the Consolidation of a the unit's Data Bank, Creation of Land Price Index, Studies of Sustainable Mechanisms, Study of Costs for Legalization and Titling, Regional Comparative Study of Variables and Law in Action Study</p>	<p>John Strasma Alden Jirón</p>	<p>NICARAGUA</p>	<p>USAID</p>	<p>10/99-07/02</p>
<p>Property Compensation, Nicaragua</p> <p>Engaged in a series of detailed briefings and consultations with the Government of Nicaragua (GON), the Nicaraguan National Assembly, key members of the private sector and potential bond recipients in efforts to build confidence and maintain, or raise, the market value of the bonds, accelerate the resolution of claims for confiscated property and improve the quality of the compensation offered by the GON to confiscated property owners. Monitor implementation of DIMSA software at Treasury to ensure that the bond exchange is accurate and transparent. Assist the Ministry of Finance and other agencies to obtain the services of bond counsel and to formalize listing and custody arrangements to ensure a broad and liquid secondary market in the Nicaraguan bonds.</p>	<p>John Strasma</p>	<p>NICARAGUA</p>	<p>USAID Nicaragua Treasury</p>	<p>06/98-03/00 10/98-12/01 01/02-07/02</p>

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<p>Technical Assistance to PROTIERRA for Land Initiatives</p> <p>Analyzed plans for funding and collecting land and production credit, estimated bond funding requirements, explored capacity of domestic and global markets to buy bonds, analyzed debt servicing capacity of National Land fund (FONTIERRA); analyzed potential for a more effective land market, determined transaction costs and ways to lower them; evaluated land tax efforts/land invasion problem/land conflict resolution/with recommendations; analyzed pace, efficiency of Commission for the Development and Strengthening of Land Ownership (PROTIERRA) and reviewed consistency of PROTIERRA's programs with recommendations.</p>	John Strasma	GUATEMALA	USAID	12/98-03/00 05/00-10/00 05/01-05/02