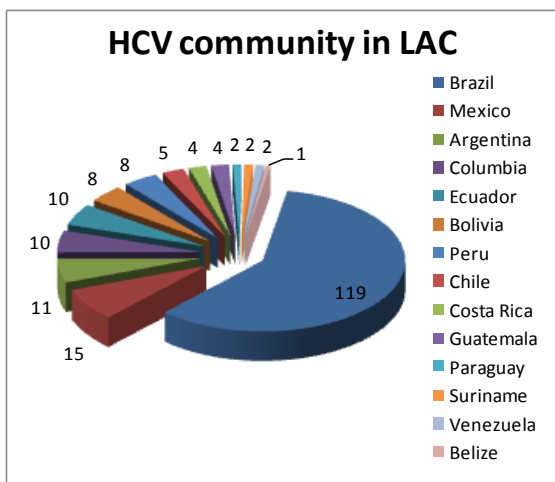




## Regional update – Central/South America - June 2010



The [High Conservation Value Resource Network](#) aims to provide information, promote collaboration, and support locally appropriate and consistent development of the HCV approach.

### The HCV community in Central and South America

Through the HCV Network mailing list and briefings you can [share information](#) directly with 200 key stakeholders and practitioners in the region and 1360 worldwide. Help us to make these resources work for you, by contributing to our information resources, asking interested colleagues to join the HCV Network, and recommending regional [HCV Practitioners](#) register their experience with us.

**Please note resources are available in Spanish (Es) Portuguese (Po) and English (In)**

### KEY GUIDANCE FOR HCV ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT

**Global HCV Toolkits** – general guidance on how to define HCVs ([Es, Po, In](#))

**National HCV Toolkits:** Nationally developed indicators and guidance for ■ *Bolivia* ([Es](#)) with [annexes](#) ■ *Ecuador* ([Es](#)) with [indicators for FSC P9](#) ■ *Chile*: Marine and coastal HCV areas ([En](#))

**General guidance:** ■ Good Practice Guidelines ([In](#)): detailed HCV assessment guidance for practitioners/auditors especially large-scale forestry and plantations. ■ HCV Network peer review guidance ([In](#)) and standard review template for HCV reports.

**Forestry:** ■ HCV assessment and management for FSC small/low intensity managed forests ([Es, Po, In](#)) ■ Good Practice guidance ([In](#)) for forest managers ■ Ecological monitoring in tropical forests ([Es, In](#)).

**Palm Oil/ biofuels:** ■ Step-by-step HCV guidance for RSPO smallholders ([In](#)).

**Do you have HCV guidance, toolkits, presentations, reports or maps for the HCV Network's Resource Centre? Could you help us update your country page?**



### RECENT HCV ASSESSMENTS AND TOOLS

- [Sustainable land use planning](#) (Es) using the HCV approach in Santiago del Estero, Argentina. Contact [Fundacion Vida Silvestre Argentina](#).
- HCV assessment for FSC certification of the Fazenda Mundo Novo ([Po, In](#)), Roraima, Brazil, containing very useful definitions of HCV for the Northern Amazon. Contact [Projeto Puma](#).
- HCV landscape analysis ([In with summary in Es](#)) for the Reserva San Rafael, in Paraguay, containing useful definitions of HCV for Upper Paraná Atlantic Forest. Contact [Pro Cosara](#).
- [Environmental Risk Assessment](#) tool (In, Es), calibrated for FSC community forest certification (Selva Maya - Mexico, northern Guatemala and Belize). Contact [One World Standards](#)

**Do you have case studies to share? Need advice on peer reviews on HCV reports? [Contact us!](#)**

### HCV/ CONSERVATION PRIORITY MAPPING PROJECTS

- [High-value grassland areas](#) (Es) of Argentina, Uruguay and Rio Grande do Sul, Brasil. (full document in our [Resource Centre](#)). Contact [Fundacion Vida Silvestre Argentina](#).
- [Update](#) (Po) of the [Atlas of forest fragments](#) of the Atlantic Forests. Contact [SOS Mata Atlantica](#).





- Biodiversity Vision for the forests of the Alto Parana, Brazil ([ln](#), [Po](#)). Contact [WWF Brasil](#)
- [Priority areas for biodiversity](#) identified by the [PROBIO](#) process in Brazil. Contact [FunBio](#)
- HCV mapping of Mato Grosso State. Details to be announced at RTRS General Assembly: Contact Instituto Centro da Vida.
- Classification of ecosystems in the Andean regions of Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Perú and Venezuela. Contact [NatureServe](#).

***Do you know of other HCV mapping initiatives which can be [shared](#) with the HCV community?***

## RECENT HCV-RELATED POLICY DEVELOPMENTS AND NEWS



### Forestry:

- HCV assessment becomes a central requirement of the [CCBA carbon standard](#)
- FSC is preparing a project for certification of [ecosystem services](#) with pilot testing in Chile, Indonesia, Nepal and Vietnam.

### Palm Oil:

- The Brazilian government has launched a '[Program for sustainable oil palm production in Brazil](#)' and identified 29 million hectares suitable for palm oil production in the Amazon area alone.
- RSPO policy on [New Plantings](#) requires HCV assessment prior to any clearance, and HCV assessments for RSPO now need to be [registered HCV assessors](#).

### Soya:

- The RTRS approach to responsible conversion, including land categories requiring HCV assessments (Annex 4, RTRS Standard version 1.0) will be voted on at the General Assembly. The RTRS will oversee a mapping process at the national level in each country.
- NGOs of the Soy Moratorium Working Group have [distanced themselves](#) from the Soja Plus initiative launched by ABIOVE and other producers.

***Do you have policy news and developments to [share](#) with the HCV community?***

## TRAINING FOR HCV ASSESSMENT, MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING

- [Stepwise Support](#) programme for palm oil certification. ProForest
- A complete [introductory HCV training course](#) for forestry now online (ProForest).

***Are you [aware](#) of local HCV training courses and resources in your country or language?***

## NEWS, EVENTS AND CONSULTATIONS



- Round table for Sustainable Palm Oil: [Round Table and General Assembly](#) 8-11/11/10
- Roundtable for Responsible Soy [Conference and General Assembly](#) 09-10/06/10
- HCV Network call for HCV experts (social, biodiversity, land use management expertise) to join the [Technical Panel](#) **deadline 14<sup>th</sup> June**. Applicants from Industry are encouraged.

**HCV Consultations:** ■ [World Bank Group Palm Oil Strategy Development](#). ■ ITTO standard on [tropical forest management](#); ■ IFC [Performance Standards review](#) - [Social and Environmental Sustainability](#).

***Please [let us know](#) about consultations, news and events to share with the HCV community***

## REGIONAL INFORMATION POINTS

***Help us to improve our next update! Would you be interested in becoming a [contact person](#) for HCV issues in your country?***