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The Organization of American States (OAS) is the world's oldest regional organization, dating back to the First International Conference of American States, held in Washington, D.C., in 1889. The Charter of the OAS was signed in Bogotá in 1948. The OAS currently has 35 member states and has granted permanent observer status to over 48 states. The OAS is the region's premier forum for multilateral dialogue and concerted action, it brings together the countries of the Western Hemisphere to strengthen cooperation and advance common interests.

Through its Department of Sustainable Development (DSD), the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) of the General Secretariat of the OAS (GS/OAS) fulfills member states mandates by promoting the implementation of policies, technical cooperation projects and partnerships that translate sustainable development and environmental protection goals into concrete action. A key objective entails integrating environmental priorities set by OAS member States within mainstream development, poverty alleviation and good governance-related policies.

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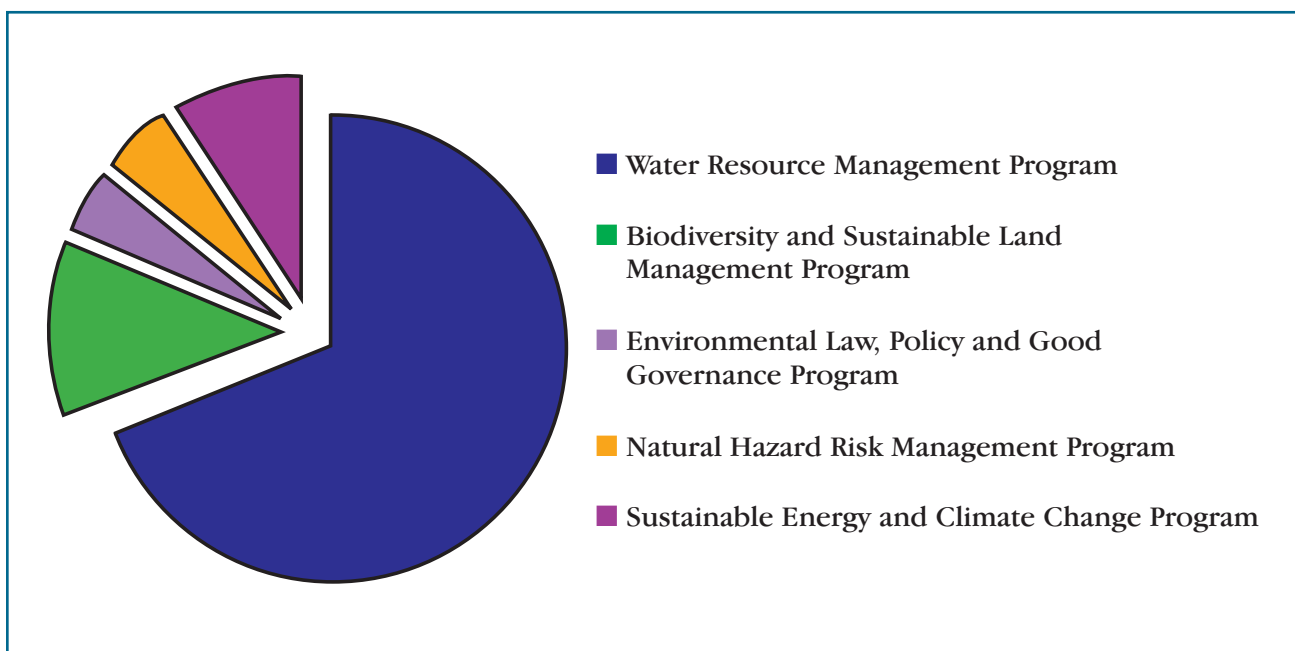
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The **2008** multi-year project portfolio of the Department of Sustainable Development (DSD) included 49 projects for a total grant amount of US\$59.6 million. The life span of these projects ranges from six-months to five-years; currently the DSD has commitments in place through 2013. Of these, 42 projects are externally-funded; totaling approximately US\$58.2 million and 7 receive in-house funding, including from SEDI, (Resolution 831, FEMCIDI) and the OAS Peace Fund, totaling approximately US\$1.4 million dollars.

In **2008**, of the 49 ongoing projects, 22 represent new, successfully negotiated agreements totaling approximately US\$5.2 million. The Department's activities are directed toward promoting the implementation of policies, technical cooperation projects and partnerships that translate sustainable development and environmental protection goals into concrete actions.

The portfolio, in terms of thematic areas, has the following breakdown:

- Water Resource Management Program: *12 projects, totaling US\$41.23 million*
- Biodiversity and Sustainable Land Management Program: *9 projects, totaling US\$7.73 million*
- Sustainable Energy and Climate Change Program: *12 projects, totaling US\$5.38 million*
- Natural Hazard Risk Management Program: *9 projects, totaling US\$2.70 million*
- Environmental Law, Policy and Good Governance Program: *7 projects, totaling US\$2.60 million*



**SELECTED 2008 EVENTS**

- National Workshop on Sustainable Soy Production (Paraguay & Uruguay)**
- Payment for Ecosystem Services and Sustainable Agriculture Project (El Salvador)**
- Forum on Sustainable Energy Development for Central and North America (El Salvador)**
- 6<sup>th</sup> Coordination Workshop UNESCO/OAS ISARM (Dominican Republic)**
- Inter-Agency Coordination Meeting on Sound Management of Chemicals (Dominican Republic)**
- Simple Living High Thinking 2008 Conference (USA)**
- Virtual Forum on Environmental Sustainability (USA)**
- The IABIN Vision Meeting (USA)**
- Launch of the Caribbean Sustainable Energy Program (St. Lucia)**
- Expert Panel on Climate (USA)**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Preparatory Meeting for Latin America and the Caribbean Region – REEEP (Mexico)**
- Trade and Environment toolkit for government officials (Guatemala)**
- Regional Sustainable Energy Events (The Bahamas)**
- Southern Cone Regional Workshop on Sustainable Energy (Chile)**
- First Meeting of the Regional Coordination Committee for SAICM Implementation (Panama)**
- Workshop: Trends in the Implementation of Payments for Environmental Services in the Americas (Brazil)**
- III International Workshop Natural Protected Areas Information Network Andes Amazon (Ecuador)**
- National Focal Points Meeting of the Inter-American Forum on Environmental Law – FIDA (Brazil)**
- Trade and Environment Toolkit (Dominican Republic)**
- Washington International Renewable Energy Conference (WIREC)**
- Inter-American Meeting of National Authorities and Experts on Energy for Sustainable Development (USA)**
- Regional Workshop on Sustainable Soy Production. (Argentina)**
- IABIN – IWCAM. Biodiversity informatics workshop focusing on marine issues for the Caribbean region (Jamaica)**
- Strategic Approach to International chemicals Management (Panama)**
- Sustainable Soy Production in Uruguay and the region (Uruguay)**
- Building the Inter-American Biodiversity Information Network (IABIN) Project Executive Committee Meeting (Panama)**
- Series of Good Practices Virtual Forum on “Risks and Extreme Hydrological Events: Flood Early Warning and Resilience Capacity”**
- Meeting of the OAS National Focal Points for Integrated Water Resources Management (Uruguay)**
- South American Forum: Preparatory Event for the 5th World Water Forum (Uruguay)**

The DSD has achieved many noteworthy successes over more than 40 years of activity as the principal technical arm of GS/OAS responsible for supporting OAS Political Bodies on environment and sustainable development issues.

The Department has become a global leader in supporting transboundary water basin management, sustainable energy, conservation of biodiversity and sustainable land management; and natural hazard risk management and environmental law and governance. It has continued to work with member states to advance the implementation of sustainable development policies, programs and projects. It focused much of its efforts on building capacity within OAS member states in various areas and aspects of sustainable development, including holding over 100 events in 2008.

The DSD has also sought to boost its global advocacy and to influence policy on various sustainable development issues, including by participating in global networks, initiatives and conferences. For example, the Department played a decisive role in planning the First Global Conference on Indigenous Peoples and Climate Change, to be held in Alaska in April of 2009 and the regional preparations for the Fifth World Water Forum to be held in Turkey in March of 2009. Further, the Department’s ground-breaking work on sustainable energy and disaster risk management is globally recognized.

To bring its operations in line with inter-governmental and donor agencies, and to ensure that inter-departmental and intra-departmental synergies are fully exploited; the DSD has adopted a programmatic approach and will release a 5-year work program on Sustainable Development in April 2009. This approach has allowed for the identification of opportunities for joint programming within the OAS, in particular between the SEDI Departments on

programs such as bio-security (with Ports), energy efficiency (with Science and Technology), and Health and the Environment (with Social Development).

The DSD is especially proud of its many accomplishments over the past year in strengthening the capacity of national, sub-regional and regional agencies and institutions, which enabled these institutions to move from being beneficiaries of DSD support, to being co-executing agencies of donor funded projects. One recent poignant achievement in this respect is the establishment of the Caribbean Community Climate Change Center (CCCCC), which resulted from DSD's execution of the Caribbean Planning for Adaptation to Climate Change (CPACC) Project. In April 2008, the Secretary General of the OAS signed a groundbreaking Collaborative Agreement with the Center, committing to jointly strengthen the capacity of OAS member states to cope with the effects of climate change in the hemisphere. Similar initiatives are being prepared in collaboration with the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) and with the Intergovernmental Coordination Committee for the La Plata Basin.

The Department promotes the principles of the Inter-American Democratic Charter by assisting member states in implementing policies and strategies that protect the environment and advance sustainable development goals for the benefit of future generations (Article 15) and by promoting the full and equal participation of women as a fundamental element in the promotion and exercise of a democratic culture (Article 28). These principles, materialized through DSD activities, are supported by the following hemispheric networks and programs:

- Inter-American Strategy for the Promotion of Public Participation in Decision-Making for Sustainable Development (ISP)
- Sustainable Energy Partnership of the Americas (SEPA)
- The Inter-American Biodiversity Information Network (IABIN)
- Inter-American Forum on Environmental Law (FIDA)
- Inter-American Network for Disaster Mitigation (INDM)
- Inter-American Water Resources Network (IWRN)

In September 2008, with the support of a grant from the Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs of Austria, the Department convened the second meeting of OAS National Focal Points on Water Resource Management, a follow-up activity to the meeting held in August 2007. The meeting resulted in a project proposal for advancing Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM).

The Department also continued to advance the implementation of the Inter-American Network on Disaster Mitigation (INDM), building on the General Cooperation Agreement signed in 2007 between the GS/OAS and the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR) Secretariat that committed to “advancing the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action in the Americas”. Under this Agreement, the DSD is designated by the UNISDR as the lead agency for the implementation of the Regional Platform. In addition, the Department is executing two projects focused on the use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) and the development of early warning systems.

In 2008, the Department collaborated with the Chair of the Permanent Council in hosting the first “Green Week” aimed at raising awareness of climate change related issues. This historic week provided member states with the opportunity to become acquainted with, and to share best practices on, sustainability. The week was dedicated to the promotion of greening policies and practices within the General Secretariat and included a series of panel discussions featuring experts and

practitioners in various aspects of environmental management and sustainable development. In addition, the Department provided support to the Permanent Council in conducting three special sessions with a focus on climate change.

The Department has supported the Summit of the Americas Secretariat and the Secretariat for External Relations in the preparatory process for the 5th Summit of the Americas to be held in April 2009 through the organization of consultations and virtual platforms, and in the preparation of policy briefs. The DSD continued to support member states in the implementation of the Inter-American Strategy for Public Participation in Sustainable Development Decision-making (ISP). Through its work in this area; the DSD achieved the highest percentage of participation by Civil Society Organizations in the OAS (See CP/CISC–17/03). The support provided by the Department has also facilitated public participation and civil society input to the Draft Declaration of Port of Spain.

In 2008, the Department received international recognition for its work in the areas of Water Resources Management and Environmental Law, Policy and Governance respectively. The System Base Map of the Guarani Aquifer Project was awarded second place in the category of “Best Data Integration” in the ESRI Users International Conference, the world’s largest gathering of Geographic Information System (GIS) professionals. In addition, a project developed by the Department, in collaboration with the Instituto de Derecho y Economía Ambiental of Paraguay (IDEA), received the Crystal Award at the 2008 Global Development Marketplace, a competitive grant program that identifies and funds innovative, early stage projects with high potential for development impact and replication. The program is administered by the World Bank and funded by various partners, including the IFC, GEF, GTZ, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The 100 finalists participating in this year’s competition were chosen from 1,800 applications and of these a jury comprised of development professionals and other experts selected 22 projects to receive the award.

Going forward, the Department will continue to strive to address the critical issues that have emerged over the past year and in previous years. In particular, the Department will intensify its efforts to assist member states to:

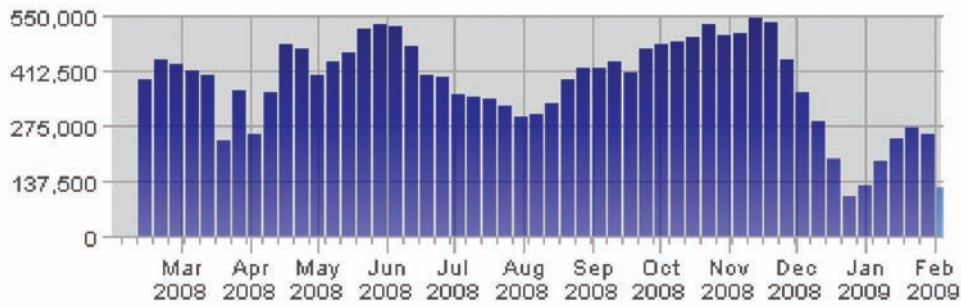
- Operationalize sustainable development objectives and address the institutional compartmentalization that inhibits the adoption of integrated planning approaches and that result in conflicting social, economic and environmental policies;
- Build capacity in the area of planning, especially in Integrated Planning which remains a significant constraint; as planning horizons of are still heavily influenced by political cycles;
- Generate timely and relevant statistics that can inform decision-making and strengthen the design of sound and relevant public sector investment projects; and
- Address the shortage of technical capacity that exists in most OAS member states, through the establishment of a technical cooperation program in sustainable development that will help to move skills from countries with surplus skills to those experiencing deficits of those skills.

Accomplishing these tasks will require more intense efforts by the Department and by member states to mobilize new and additional resources to respond adequately to the growing number of goals and mandates in sustainable development.

2008 MILESTONES

In 2008, the DSD attained the following milestones:

- registered an increase in the number of hits recorded by DSD Website, from an average 400,000 hits a month in 2007 to 500,000 hits a month in 2008, as indicated below:



- Published: two editions of the DSD Policy Series: “Sustainable Development and Environmental Management” and “Metodologías Comunitarias sobre Educación e Identificación de Riesgos”; and three publications highlighting milestones and lessons learned through project implementation: “IABIN Project Milestones” and “Eco-Economics and Management Effectiveness of the Coastal Zone in the Caribbean”; and “DELTAmerica Project: Experiences and Lessons Learned in Transboundary Water Resources Management in Latin America and the Caribbean”, each with a distribution of approximately 2000 copies.



## 2008 PROJECT MILESTONES

In 2008 the DSD successfully completed 13 projects, as shown in table below:

<b>MULTI-YEAR – LARGE TO MID SIZE PROJECTS</b>	<b>UNDER \$200,000.00</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Integrated and Sustainable Management of Transboundary Water Resources in the Amazon River Basin Project</li> <li>2. White Helmets Project – IDB funded portion</li> <li>3. Land Degradation in Small Island Ecosystems in the Caribbean Project</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Advancing Good Governance and Hemispheric Policy Integration in Sustainable Fresh Water Management Project</li> <li>2. Renewable Energy &amp; Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP) Project – Phase II</li> <li>3. WHMSI-Western Hemispheric Migratory Species Initiative – support to the 2008 Steering Committee Meeting</li> <li>4. Suriname-Brazil Biocultural Conservation Project – Phase II</li> <li>5. Sustainability Impact Assessment of the Soy Sector Project– Phase II</li> <li>6. Inter-American Biodiversity Information Network - Multi Lingual Search Engine Development Project</li> <li>7. Reducing Risk to Natural Disasters in the Americas: to strengthen the Resilience of Home Construction and School Retrofit Programs in the Caribbean and Latin America</li> <li>8. Reducing Risk to Natural Disasters in the Americas Project</li> <li>9. Support to the project preparation phase of the PROCUENCA SAN JUAN Project.</li> <li>10. Inter Property Summit Initiative (IPSI) -LandnetAmericas</li> </ol>

In 2008, the DSD successfully negotiated 22 new projects, as shown in table below, with a total combined funding \$5.2 million:

<b>MULTI-YEAR – LARGE TO MID SIZE PROJECTS</b>	<b>UNDER \$200,000.00</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Applying Information and Communication Technology for Disaster Mitigation in the Central American Isthmus</li> <li>2. Increasing the Sustainability of the Energy Sector in the Caribbean through improved governance and management.</li> <li>3. Caribbean Emergency Legislation Project</li> <li>4. Support for the Implementation of the US-Brazil Bio-fuels Bilateral Agreement</li> <li>5. Central America Small Valleys Flood Alert and Vulnerability Reduction Program</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reducing Risk to Natural Disasters in the Americas: to strengthen the Resilience of Home Construction and School Retrofit Programs in the Caribbean and Latin America</li> <li>2. Renewable Energy &amp; Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP) Project – Phase III</li> <li>3. Caribbean Solar Finance Program - Phase II</li> <li>4. WHMSI-Western Hemispheric Migratory Species Initiative – Support to the 2009 Steering Committee Meeting</li> <li>5. Sustainability Impact Assessment of the Soy Sector Project– Phase III</li> <li>6. Cooperation in Conservation: WHMSI-Western Hemispheric Migratory Species Initiative</li> <li>7. Monitoring Progress of the Environmental Cooperation Agenda in the DR-CAFTA countries – Phase II</li> <li>8. Cellulosic Ethanol Market Development potential in Belize Project</li> <li>9. Support the Inter-American Meeting of National Authorities and Experts on Energy for Sustainable Development in the Americas</li> <li>10. Sustainable Energy Partnership for the Americas – SEPA</li> <li>11. Phase II: ProVention Consortium – VCA Tool Kit</li> <li>12. Support project preparation phase of the PROCUENCA SAN JUAN Project.</li> <li>13. Support toward the publication: Sustainable Development Themes the Caribbean</li> <li>14. Energy for Sustainable Development</li> <li>15. ReefFix Project</li> <li>16. Biofuels Market Development Activities in El Salvador</li> <li>17. Advancing Good Governance and Hemispheric Policy Integration in Sustainable Fresh Water Management Project – Phase II</li> </ol>

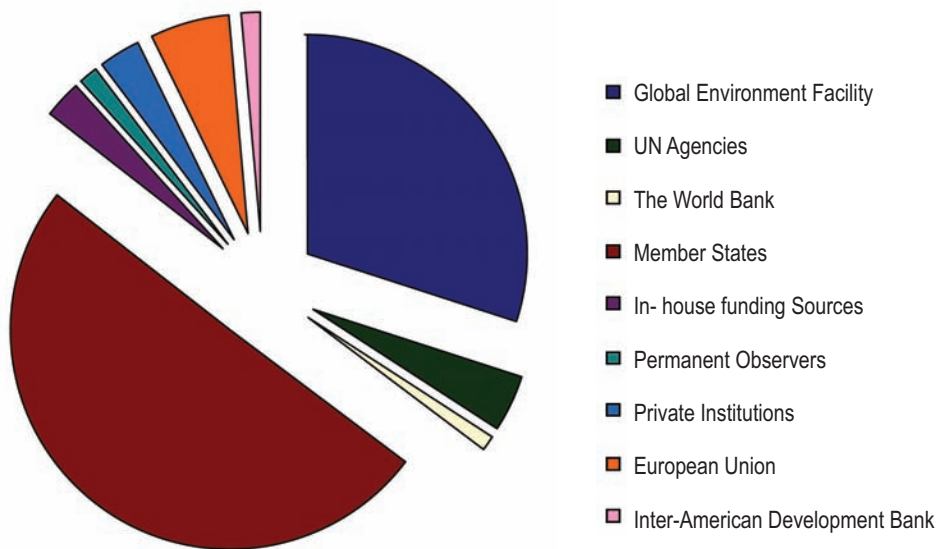
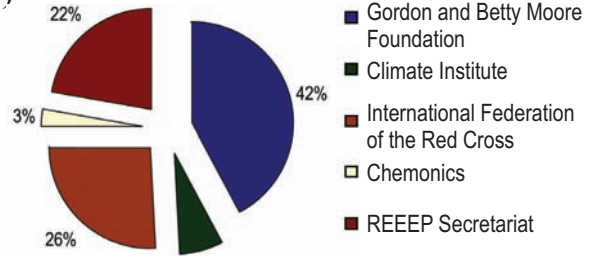


## DSD 2008 DONOR PORTFOLIO

In 2008, the DSD recorded revenue in excess US\$9.0 million dollars:

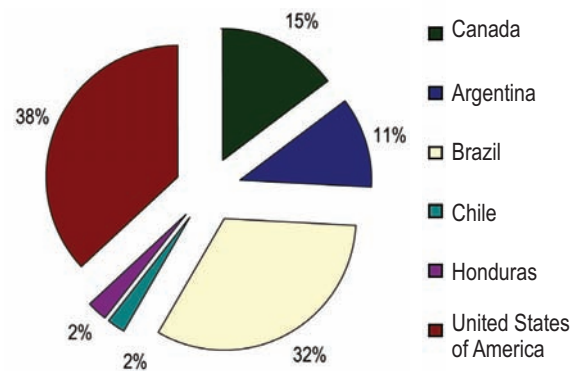
- 50% from member states
- 30% from the Global Environment Facility (GEF)
- 6% from the European Union
- 4% from UN Agencies
- 3% from Private Institutions
- 3% from In-house funding sources

Contributions from Private Institution



In 2008, the DSD received contributions from six OAS member states that generated combined revenue in excess of US\$4,565,000.00.

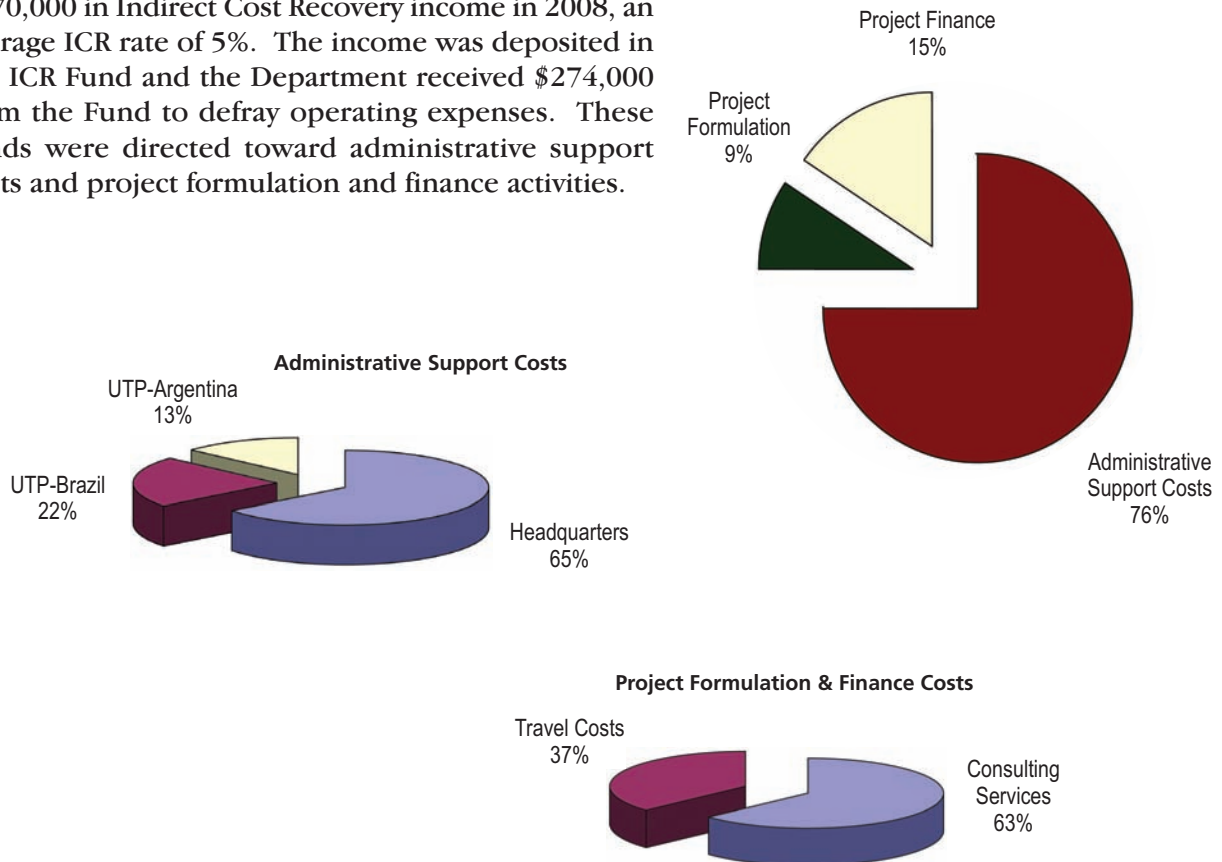
In addition, the DSD received contributions from two OAS Permanent Observer countries that generated combined revenue of US\$112,700.00:



- Government of the People’s Republic of China – US\$50,000 in support of a publication on Sustainable Development Themes in the Caribbean; and
- Austria – in the amount of US\$62,700 in support of the meeting of OAS National Focal Point for Integrated Water Resource Management.

## INDIRECT COST RECOVERY (ICR)

In accordance with the GS/OAS ICR policy, the DSD's specific fund portfolio generated approximately \$370,000 in Indirect Cost Recovery income in 2008, an average ICR rate of 5%. The income was deposited in the ICR Fund and the Department received \$274,000 from the Fund to defray operating expenses. These funds were directed toward administrative support costs and project formulation and finance activities.



This ICR funding enabled the following specific achievements and contributed generally to the realization of the Department's 2008 Goals:

- Sound financial and administrative management of the Department's multi-year portfolio of 49 projects totaling US\$59.6 million, including the completion of 13 projects;
- Preparation of 17 new project proposals currently in various stages of negotiation with our long time partners: GEF, UNEP, EU, Brazil, CIDA, IDRC and the World Bank; and
- Preparation of outreach material, including over 50 policy and technical documents, two DSD Policy Briefs, and three project-specific publications.

## PROGRAM PERFORMANCE

### INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

*(supporting member states' efforts to promote integrated and sustainable management of water resources, contributing to poverty alleviation through improved decision-making and community engagement in the management of transboundary water resources)*

In 2008, the Department completed the formulation of two regional initiatives related to water management in the context of climate change scenarios:

- the project “*Sustainable Management of the Water Resources of the La Plata Basin (LPB) with respect to the Effects of Climate Variability and Change*”, an US\$11 million Global Environment Facility (GEF)-funded project aimed at strengthening cooperation and coordination of actions and investments among the Plata Basin countries to ensure the integrated and sustainable management of the transboundary water resources of the LPB within the context of climate variability and change; and
- the project “*Integrated and Sustainable Management of Transboundary Water Resources in the Amazon River Basin Considering Climate Variability and Change*”, an US\$7 million GEF-funded project which seeks to strengthen the institutional framework for planning and executing, in a coordinated and coherent manner, activities for the protection and sustainable management of the land and water resources of the Amazon River Basin in the face of ongoing climatic changes.

WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	
Amazonas Project	\$ 97,259.51
Bermejo Project	\$ 1,192,700.23
Chaco Project	\$ 67,374.19
CONAE Project	\$ 264,010.03
Golfo de Honduras	\$ 74,735.60
NFPs-IWRM	\$ 68,796.59
Guarani Project	\$ 2,140,084.74
San Juan River Basin	\$ 9,388.94
SUDAM Project	\$ 20,204.89
SRH Project	\$ 1,556,585.61
<b>2008 EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 5,491,140.33</b>

Both initiatives have been approved by the GEF Council, and will be initiating activities in the second semester of 2009 after final endorsement by GEF-CEO.

Similarly, DSD, with a grant from the GEF, continued activities toward the formulation of the **Chaco** project, which will seek to address the root causes of land degradation processes affecting the transboundary Chaco ecosystem, shared by Argentina, Bolivia, and Paraguay, and to remove barriers to sustainable land management.

In 2008, the Department finalized activities related to the **Guarani** Aquifer System Project, executed in collaboration with the World Bank through a GEF-grant of US\$13.4 million. The project assisted participating countries in the coordinated development of a technical, legal and institutional framework for the protection and management of this vital water reservoir. Specific activities were geared towards the expansion and consolidation of the scientific knowledge about the aquifer, the coordinated development and implementation of management framework, public participation and environmental education, and the identification and development of specific management measures in critical areas "hot-spots"). The project received an important distinction in 2008, as the Guarani Aquifer System Base Map was awarded second place in the category "Best Data Integration" in the ESRI Users International Conference, the world's largest gathering of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) professionals.



The Department also began finalizing activities related to US\$11.4 million GEF-funded **Bermejo** River Basin project, in collaboration with the Governments of Argentina and Bolivia, and through the Binational Commission for the Development of the Upper Bermejo and Grande Tarija River Basins. The project implemented a series of actions seeking to address major environmental issues and to promote sustainable development of the basin. Activities include increases in and improvements to existing infrastructure, technical capacity and access to data allowing for better management of erosion, sediments, riverbeds, and floods. The project also executed a public participation program that increased awareness and community participation in the management of the Basin's natural resources, primarily through the implementation of a comprehensive and integrated environmental education program on the sustainable use of water and other natural resources.

In Central America, DSD supported the Governments of Nicaragua and Honduras in the preparation of the diagnostic analysis and strategic plan for the **Rio Negro** River Basin, which was impacted by the effects of Hurricane Mitch. Also in Central America, and with financial support from OAS FEMCIDI, DSD organized a meeting with the Governments of Nicaragua and Costa Rica to discuss the preparation of a project proposal for the implementation of priority actions for the **San Juan** River Basin, within the framework of the Strategic Action Program prepared during 2003-2007 with support from the GEF.

In 2008, the Department continued collaboration with the Government of Brazil, through the Water Resources Secretariat (**SRH**) of the Ministry of Environment, in the implementation of the project "Institutional Structuring for the Consolidation of the National Water Policy in Brazil". This US\$10.5 million project has helped to meet objectives that seek to combat desertification, providing support to both public and private institutions; and in 2008, hosted over 160 events including seminars, workshops, meeting and training activities. The Department also continued collaboration with the Government of Brazil in the implementation of the "*Strategic Action Program for the Brazilian Amazon*", in collaboration with the Office of the Superintendent for the Development of the Amazon Region (**SUDAM**), from the Ministry of National Integration. This US\$800,000 project was instrumental in formulating public policies for sustainable development in the Amazon. Similarly, in collaboration with the Government of Argentina, the DSD continued implementation of the Comisión Nacional de Actividades Especiales (**CONAE**)–funded Project: "*Program for the Development of the Satellite System and Earth Observation Applications*" aimed at the compilation and management of satellite data for applications to improve socio-economic conditions, particularly in agricultural development and natural hazard/emergency management (floods).



In September of 2008, and in collaboration with UNESCO, DSD helped organize the South American Water Forum, an official preparatory meeting of the World Water Forum to be held in Istanbul in 2009. Within the framework of the meeting, and with support from the Government



of Austria, DSD convened a meeting of the OAS National Focal Points (NFPs) for Integrated Water Resources Management (sub-region South America), to follow-up and further detail priority cooperation areas identified by the NFPs in 2007. Based on the results of the meeting, a draft project proposal has been developed and will be complemented with inputs from the NFPs of Central America and the Caribbean, before submission to the GEF and other potential donors. The project seeks to establish compatible technical and legal frameworks to promote the development of coordinated

policies, planning and management schemes for integrated water resources management in the hemisphere. Also in collaboration with UNESCO, the Internationally Shared Aquifer Resources Management (ISARM) Americas Program achieved an important milestone with the publication “Legal and Institutional Framework in the Management of Transboundary Aquifer Systems of the Americas”. ISARM-Americas seeks to increase knowledge and awareness on shared aquifers, promoting collaboration between countries and the development of a shared legal, institutional, scientific and environmental framework for their sustainable management and protection. The Government of Ecuador, with support from DSD, presented a project proposal to the OAS FEMCIDI Fund seeking support toward advancing the ISARM program objectives.

**SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAM**

*(supporting member states' efforts to promote the use of sustainable energy –including renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies and systems – contributing to poverty alleviation through the extension of modern energy services and enhanced energy security)*

The Department’s energy program targets the increased sustainability of the sector. The core tenets of the program include the use of renewable energy and energy efficient technologies and systems, as well as increased energy sector cooperation and integration among countries of the region. Between 1999 and 2007, the Department, with core funding support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), implemented the Renewable Energy in the Americas (REIA) initiative. USAID provided more than US\$1 million toward the management of REIA and the implementation of project start-up activities. Beginning in 2008, the Department launched the Sustainable Energy Partnership for the Americas (SEPA), as its umbrella program for sustainable energy. SEPA is supported initially with a grant from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), and is currently seeking additional resources to secure the future of the partnership. SEPA provides member states with assistance to enhance the sustainability of the energy sector throughout the region. Areas of assistance include: policy and regulatory reform, human and institutional capacity building, technical assistance and resource evaluation, knowledge management, and financing support. The program operates through direct assistance to the member states as well as through global and regional partnerships.

<b>SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAM</b>	
Caribbean Solar Finance	\$ 19,473.28
GSEII	\$ 31,047.40
Energy for Sustainable Development	\$ 155,154.64
Energy Sector in the Caribbean	\$ 48,013.16
REEEP Project	\$ 94,421.35
SEPA Program	\$ 136,435.61
US/Brazil Biofuels	\$ 863,592.97
<b>2008 EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 1,348,138.41</b>

Under the SEPA Program, the Department secured a project grant from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Government of Canada (DFAIT) for the implementation of a feasibility study to determine the viability of cellulosic ethanol production and use in Belize.

In 2008, in response to the mandates to the General Secretariat from the 2007 OAS General Assembly, and with the support of a grant from DFAIT, the DSD organized a hemispheric meeting of High Level Authorities on Sustainable Energy which took place in March at OAS Headquarters. During the event, the member states urged the General Secretariat to organize sub-regional events on this subject throughout the Americas. With the support of a grant from the US Government, thru the **Energy for Sustainable Development Project**, the DSD organized additional conferences in Chile (for the Southern Cone region), The Bahamas (for the Caribbean region), and El Salvador (for Central and North America).



In addition, the Department received grants of US\$1 million and US\$490,000 million from the US Department of State in support of the **Bilateral Agreement on Biofuels** concluded by the United States and Brazil. The aim of the program is to identify the potential of biofuels for diversifying the energy matrix of the Hemisphere. The regional program supports projects and programs that seek



to diversify the energy production mix of countries in the Western Hemisphere, as well as improve economic sustainability, competitiveness, and socio-economic conditions throughout the region. The target countries included in this agreement are El Salvador, Haiti, Dominican Republic, St. Kitts & Nevis, Jamaica, Guatemala, and Honduras.

In 2008, the Department launched the Increasing the Sustainability of the **Energy Sector in the Caribbean** Project funded by a US\$2 million dollar grant under the European Union Energy Initiative (EUEI). The project is aimed at increasing the sus-

tainability of the energy sector in the Caribbean through improved governance and management. The project is implemented in St. Lucia, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Antigua and Barbuda, and The Bahamas. Its actions will accelerate the transition toward cleaner, more sustainable energy use in these Caribbean nations.

Under the auspices of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP), the Department provided direct support to member states in the development of policies and regulatory mechanisms for the advancement of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies in the region. As Regional Secretariat of REEEP, in September of 2008, the Department organized the REEEP Regional Preparatory Meeting held in Mexico City. The objective of the meeting was to analyze the impact of current and past REEEP projects implemented in Latin America and the Caribbean region in order to review and update the program's regional priorities in financing, policy and regulation. Energy sector stakeholders from Mexico, Latin America and the Caribbean region participated in this event. As of 2008, there are six REEEP projects active in the region.



In 2008, with support from the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the Department launched the **Grenada Caribbean Solar Finance Program (CSFP)**. The program is aimed at increasing access to solar hot water systems for low to middle income segments of the population of Grenada.

Under the Global Sustainable Energy Islands Initiative (**GSEII**), in 2008 the Department supported the efforts of Caribbean Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in transitioning away from energy consumption and supply patterns based on conventional fossil fuels towards sustainable sources of energy based on efficiency and environmentally sound renewable energy technologies. With support from UNIDO, the project aims to help Dominica, Grenada, St Kitts and Nevis and St. Lucia to lay the foundations of improved energy security, reduced electricity tariffs and improved allocation of resources. In parallel, the Project focuses upon expanding its sustainable energy planning and implementation activities to other SIDS.

**MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL HAZARDS RISK**

*(supporting member states' efforts to reduce vulnerability to natural hazards, contributing to poverty alleviation through the development of vulnerability reduction plans and the inclusion of natural hazard mitigation goals in national development plans, strategies, and programs)*

In 2008, in keeping with the mandates and directives from the Summit of the Americas and the OAS General Assembly resolutions, the Department executed the Risk Management Program (RISK-MACC). RISK-MACC adopts a dual approach, supporting the implementation of the Regional Platform of the UNISDR Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) in the Americas, and the Inter-American Committee on Natural Disaster Reduction (IACNDR) and its strategic plan (IASP) and also promoting bottom-up approaches that seek to increase local community resilience and reduce their vulnerability to natural hazards.

<b>NATURAL HAZARD RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM</b>	
Applying ICT for Disaster Mitigation	\$ 40,180.93
C/A Small Valleys Program (SVP)	\$ 17,292.00
Coastal No Adverse Impact Handbook	\$ 10,000.00
Network for Disaster Mitigation (INDM)	\$ 99,536.78
ProVention Consortium	\$ 52,499.27
Reducing Risk to Natural Disasters	\$ 27,859.55
White Helmets Project	\$ 228,201.86
<b>2008 EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 475,570.39</b>



During 2008, the Department continued implementation of the CIDA-funded Inter-American Network for Disaster Mitigation (INDM), completing its web portal and on-line Dynamic Institutional Mapping Tool, as well as holding several Good Practices Forums on natural disaster mitigation topics. The Network membership continued to increase with the nomination of 12 National Focal Points and the participation of experts from, among others, the IDB, PAHO, and PADF. Promotional and informational material was developed, and cooperation agreements were signed to support the participation of universities. Furthermore, INDM

serves as an important tool for the implementation of RISK-MACC, by providing a platform to advance the UNISDR HFA Regional Platform of the Americas and the IACNDR/IASP, as well as to support the exchange and sharing of practical experiences, providing expert judgment and criteria to translate them into best practices.

In 2008, the Department, executed Phase II of the project “Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment in Central and South America” with support from the International Federation of Red Cross and Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the **ProVention Consortium**. National workshops were held in four Central American countries, Belize, Costa Rica, Guatemala and Honduras, as well as Brazil. Disaster mitigation community-projects were evaluated and designed, and a cost-benefit analysis, with the participation of the local municipality and private enterprises, was started for the community of Nova Esperanza, in Barra Mansa, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.





In 2008, the Department began execution of the project “Applying Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for Disaster Mitigation in the Central American Isthmus”, an 18-month ICA/IDRC of Canada-funded project totaling US\$250,000.00; and the 24-month “Central America Small Valleys Flood Alert and Vulnerability Reduction Program (SVP): Regional Platform Development” Project funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Germany, through the UN Global Platform for the Promotion of Early Warning in the amount of US\$950,000.00.



In 2008, the Department continued to carry-out the **White Helmets** Program, co-funded by the Government of Argentina and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). In 2008, the program finalized activities related to the IDB-funded portion of the Program.

The principal results of the project included: the establishment of a Network of Regional Volunteers, the development of 15 humanitarian assistance projects in the Hemisphere; the hosting of three Hemispheric Seminars; the training of 1,248 volunteers in 15 countries and the incorporation of 2,750 volunteers in the database. Moreover, discussions are underway for a new cooperation phase that will foster articulation and coordination of efforts between the White Helmets and OAS in the risk management theme, in accordance with the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction.



In addition, the Department continued supporting member states in their efforts to retrofit schools in Central and South America and to increase adaptive capacity to climate change by supporting greater cooperation between Climate Change Offices and Risk Management and Civil Protection Offices.

**ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, POLICY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE PROGRAM**

*(supporting member states' efforts to develop and strengthen environmental law, contributing to good governance through institutional capacity building and improved decision-making)*

The Department works at both the regional and hemispheric level to strengthen economic, social, and environmental policies to ensure that they are mutually supportive and contribute to sustainable development.

In 2008, the National Focal Points of the Inter-American Forum on Environmental Law (FIDA) and the Department's Senior Environmental Law Advisory Group met in Brasilia to discuss the work program in this area. The results of this meeting included concrete recommendations for regional action in the area of environmental law and governance, taking into account increasing regional trade.

The Department contributed to capacity building related to environmental management amid the economic integration and liberalization of trade in the region. In the context of Regional Trade Agreements, member states received support in the area of trade and environment, environmental governance and institutional strengthening. In 2008, the Department provided technical assistance to DR-CAFTA countries' in meeting their long-term environmental goals and assisted these countries in strengthening their institutions and promoting environmental governance.

As part of the activities of the CIDA-funded **Trade and Environment** in the Americas Project, the Department maintained three databases on environmental legislation in the region and continued

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, POLICY & GOOD GOVERNANCE	
DR-CAFTA	\$ 110,103.78
Trade & Environment	\$ 488,482.25
Soy Production on Sustainability	\$ 119,240.76
CELP Project	\$ 7,587.20
Sustainable Dev. Publication	\$ 10,500.00
<b>2008 EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 735,913.99</b>

analytical work on the governance, legal and regulatory conditions that enable Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES) systems ranging from forests and water resource management to fiscal incentives and property rights. Several PES programs currently underway in Brazil, Mexico, Colombia, and Costa Rica were highlighted during an experts seminar held in Sao Paulo within the framework of the Brazilian Congress on Environmental Law. Trends in PES programs and required legal-regulatory conditions in the region continue to be tracked by the Department through an on-line inventory and database.



The DSD received the Crystal Award at the 2008 Global Development Marketplace: Sustainable Agriculture for Development. The project submitted by the Department, "Payment for Ecosystem Services and Sustainable Agriculture," was one of 22 winners that will receive grants of up to US\$200,000. The objective of the project is to

improve the socio-economic well-being of 500 Paraguayan households and protect and improve the service provision and capacity of the ecosystem by implementing a menu of agro-forestry practices combined with a scheme of PES.

In 2008, the Department conducted various workshops and training courses on trade and environment and began developing an online training course with the CAPACINET Initiative of the OAS Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI). Various publications on this subject are being developed to contribute to the advancement of an agenda for cooperation that focuses primarily on the new challenges that the region faces as a result of the current economic and trade reforms.



In partnership with stakeholders from three MERCOSUR countries, the Department worked toward assessing the impact of **soy production on sustainability** in this region. A publication on

Regional Trade Agreements and Sustainable Land Management based on the Departments' work was issued by the International Institute for Sustainable Development. The Department's work in this area is intended to provide member states with capacity building and realistic policy options that make trade expansion more sustainable.

In 2008, the Department secured a US\$350,000.00 contribution from the World Bank's Institutional Development Fund to support the Caribbean region in the area of Emergency Legislation. Through the Caribbean Emergency Legislation Project (CELP) the Department will make recommendations on how to improve legislative channels and administrative procedures during, and immediately after natural disasters in the Caribbean. The Steering Committee for this project, established in the last quarter of 2008, will provide policy guidelines during execution.

In addition, with the support of the People's Republic of China, the Department began compiling a publication that will serve to contribute to the advancement of sustainable development in Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in the Caribbean. The publication, entitled "**Sustainable Development Themes in the Caribbean**", will feature technical papers, speeches and addresses on sustainable development issues in the Caribbean over the past decade. The core of the publication will draw on the outcomes and lessons learned from DSD implementation of sustainable development projects in the Caribbean. The goal of the publication is to increase the knowledge base and literature in the field, and to foster the exchange of information and experiences.

**BIODIVERSITY AND SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

*(supporting member states' efforts to promote sustainable use of biological diversity, empowering NGOs and local communities through capacity-building for informed decision-making, and leading to sound public policies in natural resource management)*

The program seeks to alleviate poverty through improved access to decision-making data. Three projects serve as portals to link a growing governmental, scientific, and NGO community whose efforts contribute to progress toward the Summit of the Americas goals:

- Inter-American Biodiversity Information Network (IABIN)
- Andes Amazon Protected Areas Database (AAPAD)
- LandNetAmericas

<b>BIODIVERSITY AND SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT</b>	
AAPAD Project	\$ 154,942.78
IABIN Project	\$ 1,054,413.56
ReefFix Project	\$ 15,386.50
Land Degradation	\$ 5,009.00
LandNetAmericas	\$ 11,199.50
Suriname-Brazil	\$ 91,955.50
WHMSI Project	\$ 38,700.00
<b>2008 EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 1,371,606.84</b>

The program plays a critical role in sustainable development and poverty eradication by compiling environmental data and promoting capacity building and best practices in maintaining species, ecosystems, and protected areas.

In 2008, the Department, under the auspices of the Inter-American Biodiversity Information Network (IABIN) Project encouraged the creation and standardization of national and sub-national databases on species/specimens, invasives, ecosystems, protected areas and pollinators and promoted their interoperability, and created value-added computer-based products. IABIN awarded 70 – US\$10,000/each - data content creation grants to digitize biodiversity information and to carry out multilingual training sessions on the use of data creation tools to enhance the capacity of countries to develop data for access within the IABIN network.



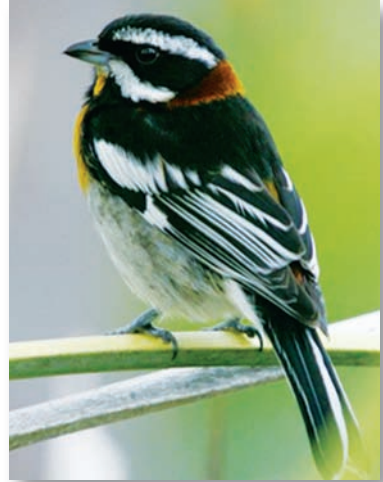
The Department continued to execute the Andes Amazon Protected Areas Data Base (AAPAD) Project, funded by a grant from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. In 2008, the AAPAD organized, in coordination of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO), and with financial support of the

German Technical Cooperation Agency (GTZ), the Third International Workshop on Protected Areas of the Amazon Andes Region. This event, held in Ecuador, was attended by approximately 70 delegates representing the eight countries of the Amazon Basin and by representatives of the World Conservation Monitoring Center, the World Wildlife Fund, the Field Museum of Chicago, and the International Union for Conservation of Nature. In addition, AAPAD expanded its on-line database and information system to 104 fields, which serves to provide



baseline and management effectiveness indicators on the protected areas of the countries that make up the Andes – Amazon basin region.

In 2008, the Department launched the Western Hemisphere Migratory Species Initiative (**WHMSI**), a hemispheric project that addresses the 1940 Convention on Nature Protection and Wildlife Preservation in the Western Hemisphere. Funded with US\$150,000 from OAS FEMCIDI Fund, and US\$26,000 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the project focuses on three regional co-management partnerships and will execute three training workshops per year, examining capacity building needs for the conservation of migratory species. In 2008, WHMSI entered into seven Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with key international organizations and conducted a study analyzing international conventions and agreements and their relation to migratory species. Lastly, the Third WHMSI Conference was held in Asuncion, Paraguay, July 22-25, 2008. The Conference, hosted by the Ministries of Tourism and Environment respectively, and Guyra Paraguay, a non-governmental organization, was attended by more than sixty public and private sector representatives from twenty-seven countries of the hemisphere and twenty-six NGOs.



In addition, with a grant from the government of Chile, the Department began execution of the **ReefFix** Project, an Integrated Coastal Zone Management ICZM tool. The project will undertake



four case studies to examine the economic valuation of goods and services from coral reefs, mangrove ecosystems, and watersheds. The case studies will examine national parks in Jamaica, Bahamas, Dominican Republic and Haiti and will provide training to decision-makers and park managers on ecosystem valuation methodologies and management techniques.

Lastly, in 2008 the Department concluded the project **Preventing Land Degradation** in Small Island State Ecosystems in the Caribbean through Sustainable Land Management. A project preparation phase activity, the principal outcome was a project proposal, in the form of a Project Implementation Form (PIF), for submission to the Global Environmental Facility (GEF). Also, in early 2008, the Department completed **the LandNetAmericas** Project which supported the LandNetAmericas and Alliance's web-based portals by providing database and server maintenance and upkeep, and hosting services.

## 2008 OUTLAYS

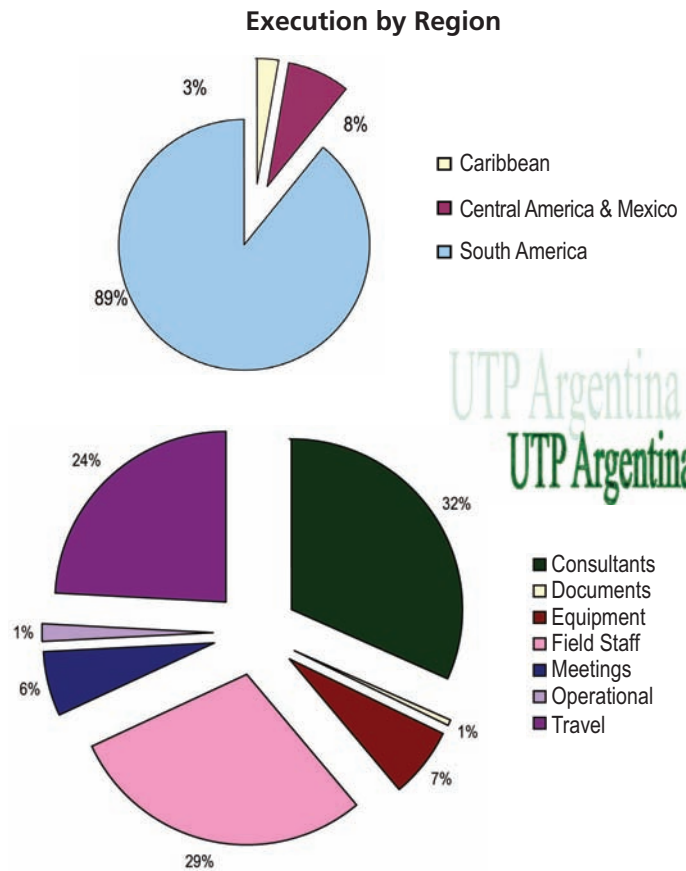
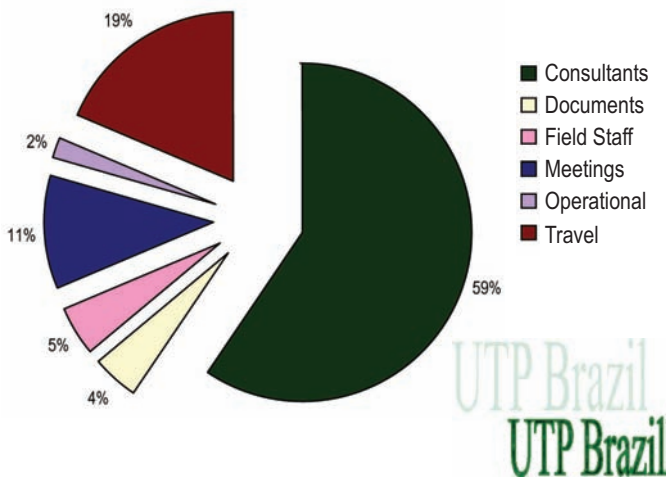
The Department expended in excess of **US\$9.5** million dollars in 2008 in support of sustainable development and environmental protection activities in the member states.

### DSD TECHNICAL PROJECT UNITS ARGENTINA & BRAZIL

At the country level, in 2008, Argentina and Brazil experienced the highest disbursement levels, US\$1.4 and US\$2.1 million respectively; together processing close to 40% of the Department's 2008 expenditures, representing an increase of US\$1.2 million in expenditures since 2007.

At a cost of \$240,000, the Technical Project Units (UTPs) proved an indispensable investment for the Department. In 2008, these two in-country representations were charged with the execution of the Departments' activities in those countries, which in the case of Argentina translates into administering the day-to-day activities of 13 projects and 7 in the case of Brazil.

In addition, these DSD managed Technical Units, proved an invaluable resource for the OAS, routinely providing direct services to several areas within the Secretariat, including SEDI, the Department of Human Development, and CICTE.



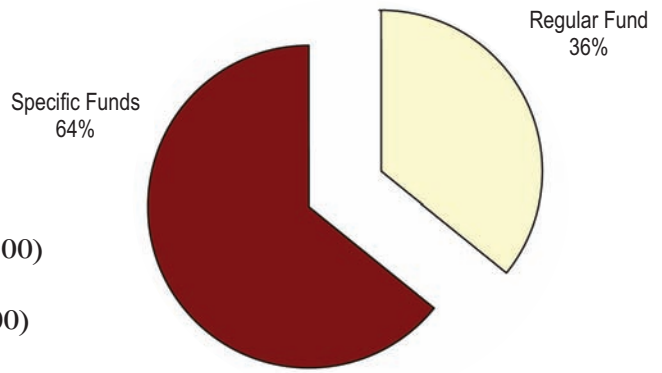
The presence of these Technical Units within the Region is also pivotal for the Department in furthering project initiatives. For example, in 2008, the UTP-Brazil facilitated negotiations with the Water Resources Secretariat of the Ministry of Environment of Brazil, for a US\$4.2 million project in support of urban environmental management and a US\$2.9 million project with the Brazilian Companhia Hidro-Elétrica do São Francisco (CHESF) in support of the San Francisco River Basin. Similarly, the UTP-Argentina facilitated negotiations with the La Plata Coordinating Committee (CIC), headquartered in Buenos Aires, in support of GEF-funded US\$11 million La Plata River Basin Project.

Furthermore, these Technical Units were instrumental in facilitating horizontal cooperation and hemispheric-wide initiatives, including facilitating the Meeting of National Focal Points (NFPs) of the Inter-American Forum on Environmental Law (FIDA) and the OAS NFPs for Integrated Water Resources Management, as well as the White Helmets Initiative and supporting the on-going activities of the ISARM Program.

## DSD HUMAN RESOURCES

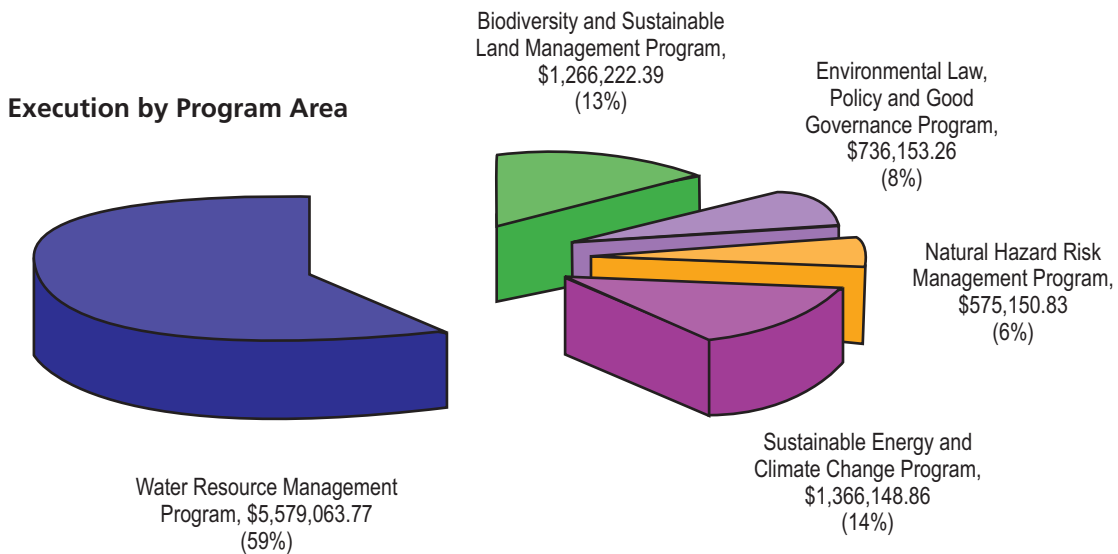
In 2008, the DSD had a staff complement of 105 persons consisting of,

- 9 regular-funded staff (\$1,241,158)
- 96 funded by specific funds (\$2,223,900.00)
  - 8 Specific-funded staff members (\$737,100)
  - 15 Headquarters Contracts (\$367,600)
  - 48 Local professional field staff (\$953,400)
  - 25 Administrative field staff (\$165,800)

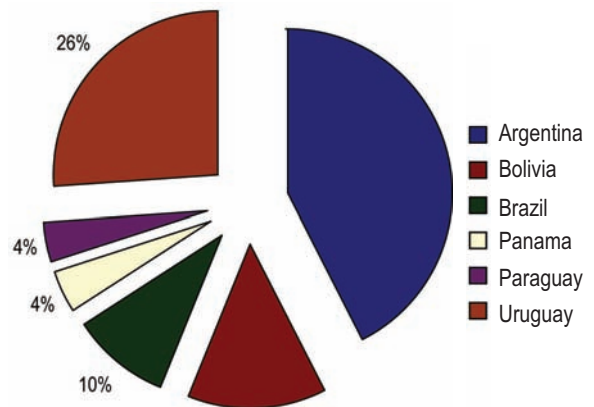


## 2008 Total Human Resources Cost: \$3,465,000

In 2008, the Department's staff base experienced an increase due to start up activities of 22 specific funded projects. In terms of administrative performance, the Department generated over 7,300 invoices, executed in excess of US\$9.5 million, and managed a portfolio of 49 projects, each program area charged with managing between seven and twelve projects.



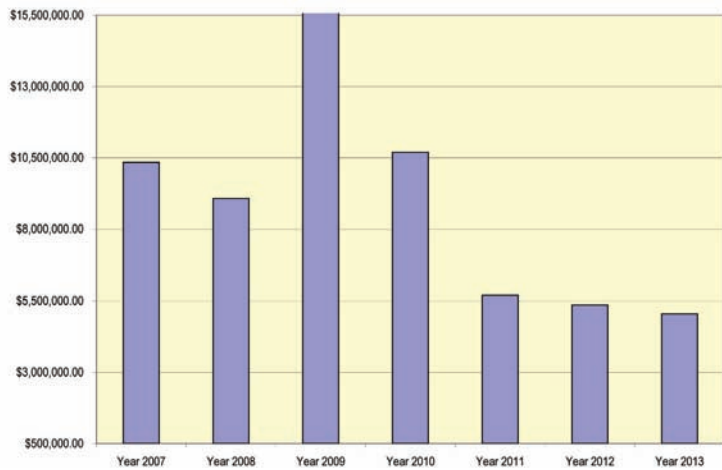
In 2008, the DSD experienced an 8% increased in field staff, due in large part to the activities of the Bermejo Project in Bolivia. In general, the majority of the field contracts were managed by the Integrated Water Resources Management Program, the Guarani Project accounting for 32%, and the Bermejo and CONAE Projects accounting each for roughly for 20% of DSD field staff.



## 2009 FORECAST

The forecast for 2009 calls for continued growth of the Department's project portfolio and increased levels of execution. The DSD 2009 portfolio includes 18 projects in their final phase of execution, 23 projects in full execution and 17 project proposals in various stages of negotiation with our long time partners.

Based on the DSD 2008 Project Portfolio and the project proposals currently under negotiation, the DSD expects to generate revenue in excess of US\$15 million in 2009.



## PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE

In 2008, the DSD multi-year portfolio remained constant; however, the Department fell short of its 2008 revenue projections. This shortfall is related to delays in receiving several large-size GEF project grants, including the \$11 million Plata River Basin and the US\$1 million Sao Francisco Project, both submitted during the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of 2008. The delays are due to the launch of GEF's new project cycle, which in turn gave way to both institutional and procedural changes that led to delays in the grant approval process.

Despite the shortfall, the DSD Portfolio experienced growth across its programs. The Department added 5 large and mid size projects and 17 continuation and objective specific grants to its' multi-year portfolio, for a total combined funding of US\$5.2 million. In addition, the Department is currently finalizing negotiations on 17 new grant agreements, with expected 2009 revenues of US\$7 million. In 2008, the number of projects in full execution increased by 35%, expenditure levels increased correspondingly, and the Departments' project finance efforts outperformed last years by nearly 50%.

## GOING FORWARD

The on-going global financial crisis points to a challenging future for the Department as it seeks to mobilize new and additional resources to support sustainable development initiatives in OAS member states. As is usually the case in such times of austerity, donors have tended to reduce funding for the very activities that help to build economic resilience and allow for quick recovery from financial downturns.

The Department continues to look for creative ways to adjust to the dramatic reduction in Regular-funded staff, especially in its water program. Such a reduction has been particularly damaging to the satisfactory execution of on-going projects and has reduced the Department's ability to pursue additional projects. Also it has forced the deployment of resources away from resource mobilization towards the execution of projects with heavy reporting and oversight responsibilities.

The Department's improved performance in 2008 was due to the continued professionalism of its staff at Headquarters and in the field; as well as the outstanding support received from personnel at all levels within the General Secretariat. Also, the Department acknowledges the outstanding support that it continues to receive from a growing number of external donors, especially those that have committed funding for the Department's activities. A debt of gratitude is owed to these institutions and their personnel.



## 2008 DSD PROJECT LIST

TOTAL DSD PROJECT PORTFOLIO \$59,641,319.96

BIODIVERSITY AND SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM				
TITLE	GOAL	DONOR	END DATE	GRANT AMOUNT
Inter-American Biodiversity Information Network	To build the Inter-American Biodiversity Information Network; to promote technical and scientific cooperation in the Amazon Protected Areas.	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)	31-Dec-09	\$6,000,000.00
	Andes-Amazon Protected Areas Database	The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation	31-Dec-08	\$569,000.00
	Multi Lingual Search Engine Development	U.S. Geological Survey	12-Jun-08	\$24,920.00
ReefFix: Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM): Capacity Building Program	To provide training in Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) for the restoration of coral reefs, mangrove ecosystems and watersheds, through integrated marine park management.	Chile	30-Sep-09	\$105,450.00
Inter Property Summit Initiative (IPSI) - LandnetAmericas	To maintain and transform the virtual office of the Inter-Summit Property Systems Initiative (IPSI).	USAID / Chemonics	31-Jan-08	\$304,075.08
Land Degradation in Small Island Ecosystems in the Caribbean	To build local and regional capacity to support sustainable land management; and to develop pilot demonstration activities on sustainable land management to address land degradation at the community level.	United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	31-Aug-08	\$386,295.00
Suriname-Brazil Biocultural Conservation	To promote the sustainable development & biocultural conservation of the Brazil-Suriname Border.	OAS - Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI)	31-Aug-08	\$145,915.50
WHMSI-Western Hemispheric Migratory Species Initiative	Cooperation in Conservation: to build country capacity for conserving and managing migratory wildlife.	OAS FEMCIDI	31-Dec-09	\$150,000.00
	Support for the 2008 & 2009 WHMSI Interim Steering Committee Meeting.	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior	30-Jan-08	\$13,900.00
			30-Sep-09	\$26,510.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>				<b>\$7,726,065.58</b>

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, POLICIES AND GOOD GOVERNANCE PROGRAM				
TITLE	GOAL	DONOR	END DATE	GRANT AMOUNT
Caribbean Emergency Legislation Project	To build legislative capacity to enhance the legal and institutional frameworks of Caribbean countries during a state of emergency.	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)	15-Sep-09	\$350,000.00
Follow-up activities: 1st Inter-American Meeting on Sustainable Development	To undertake follow-up activities related to 1st Inter-American Meeting on Sustainable Development held in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia 4-5 December 2006.	OAS RES. 831	31-Dec-08	\$64,283.00
Monitoring Progress of the Environmental Cooperation Agenda in the DR-CAFTA countries	Monitoring Progress of the Environmental Cooperation Agenda in the DR-CAFTA countries	U.S. State Department	30-Sep-09	\$229,958.00
	Amendment: Environmental Cooperation Agenda in the DR-CAFTA countries			\$148,500.00
Sustainable Development Themes in the Caribbean	To provide support to the preparation and release of DSD publication featuring technical papers, speeches and addresses on sustainable development issues in the Caribbean over the past decade.	People's Republic of China	10-Feb-10	\$50,000.00
Sustainability Impact Assessment of the Soy Sector in MERCOSUR	To conduct a regional sustainability impact assessment of soy production and promote integrated policies. Phase I & II	OAS - Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI)	31-Mar-08	\$115,600.00
			31-Mar-09	\$137,000.00
Trade & Environment in the Americas Project	To support trade-related capacity building in Environmental Management.	Canadian International Development Agency - CIDA	31-May-09	\$1,500,000.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>				<b>\$2,595,341.00</b>

NATURAL HAZARD RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM				
TITLE	GOAL	DONOR	END DATE	GRANT AMOUNT
Applying Information and Communication Technology for Disaster Mitigation in the Central American Isthmus	To identify and access the performance of innovative Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) applications providing expert criteria for effective sharing of lessons learned and practical experiences so as to adapt, transfer and replicate this exp	International Development Research Center (IDRC) - Inter-American Institute for Connectivity (ICA) of Canada	31-Aug-09	\$250,000.00
Central America Small Valleys Flood Alert and Vulnerability Reduction Program	To promote the sustainable development or participating countries by reducing the social, economic, and environmental impacts of floods and flood risk.	UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR)	31-Dec-09	\$638,550.00
Creation of Inter-American Collaborative Network for Disaster Mitigation	To support good governance-related activities in reducing the risk to natural disasters.	OAS - Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI)	30-Jun-09	\$215,164.82
	To provide access to design and construction practices and financial support mechanisms through insurance and financial assistance to middle-incomes homeowners for natural hazard resistant housing, and to design and implement an education facility vulnerability retrofit program for retrofitting school infrastructure at all levels building on community-based approaches.			\$430,329.64
	To support good governance-related activities in reducing the risk of natural disasters	Canadian International Development Agency - CIDA	31-Dec-09	\$84,620.00
ProVention Consortium – VCA Tool Kit - Phase II	To contribute to improving disaster mitigation, preparedness, and response, strengthening the capacity of Red Cross National Societies working at the local, national, and regional levels by providing them with appropriate training tools.	International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)	30-Dec-09	\$62,681.00
Reducing Risk to Natural Disasters in the Americas:	To strengthen the Resilience of Home Construction and School Retrofit Programs in the Caribbean and Latin America	International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)	31-Dec-08	\$13,917.15
	To support the strengthening of information sharing of best practices in 2 sectors: resilience of public schools in the Andean Region and construction resilience-related activities in the low-income sector in Grenada.	Government of the People's Republic of China	31-Dec-08	\$62,000.00
White Helmets Project	To provide expand and consolidate the execution and financial mechanisms related to the participation of specialized volunteers at both the national and regional level in Latin America to thereby provide humanitarian assistance and prevention fo emergency situations.	Argentina	31-Dec-09	\$660,698.97
		International Development Bank (IDB)	31-Mar-08	\$285,206.35
<b>TOTAL:</b>				<b>\$2,703,167.93</b>

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAM				
TITLE	GOAL	DONOR	END DATE	GRANT AMOUNT
Biofuels Market Development Activities in El Salvador	To foster increased collaboration in the development of sustainable biofuels as an alternative for fueling transportation.	UN Foundation	10-Jul-09	\$150,000.00
Caribbean Solar Finance Program - Phase II	To address barriers to renewable energy use by measurably reducing the constraints on, and increasing the capacity for, financing of solar water heaters (SWHS) by the credit unions that service the credit needs of the low and middle income population in G	United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)	28-Feb-10	\$139,000.00
Coordination and Technical Support of the Global Sustainable Energy Island Initiative	To promote and support the efforts of the Caribbean SIDS in transitioning away from energy consumption and supply patterns based on conventional fossil fuel towards more sustainable energy development	Climate Institute	30-Jun-08	\$67,000.00
Energy for Sustainable Development	To support the execution of four workshops - one in each sub-region of the hemisphere - to advance the sustainable energy aspects of the Declaration of Panama.	U.S. State Department	31-Mar-09	\$200,000.00
Increasing the Sustainability of the Energy Sector in the Caribbean through improved governance and management.	To overcome market barriers to renewable energy and energy efficiency by working with the countries to establish sustainable energy goals/targets through the adoption of national Sustainable Energy Plans, and through the implementation of these Plans sign	European Union	20-Jun-11	\$1,769,051.00
Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP) LAC Regional Secretariat	To function as a partnership for the exchange of information for best practices in development and use of renewable energy and energy efficiency systems in Latin American and Caribbean. Phase II & III	Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership	31-Jan-08	\$91,000.00
			31-Mar-09	\$110,000.00
School-based Telecenters in Rural Guatemala	To establish three centers which will service as a model for development of a national program to utilize modern information and communication technologies as tools for communication, education, knowledge and information dissemination in poor, remote and rural areas of Guatemala	OPEC Fund for International Development	30-Jun-10	\$100,000.00
Support for the Implementation of the US-Brazil Bio-fuels Bilateral Agreement	To support sustainable bio-energy projects/ programs to diversify the energy production mix of countries in the Western Hemisphere  To support countries in the Caribbean to improve market conditions for the development and use of renewable energy technologies and fuels.	U.S. State Department	30-Jun-09	\$2,000,000.00
			30-Jun-09	\$490,000.00
Sustainable Energy Partnership for the Americas - SEPA	To establish a network that promotes collaborative work throughout the Americas to develop successful approaches geared toward energy mix diversification, improved energy efficiency, and integration of sustainable energy into public, private, and community sector strategies.  To support a feasibility study on Cellulosic Ethanol Market Development potential in Belize  To support the Inter-American Meeting of National Authorities and Experts on Energy for Sustainable Development in the Americas	Canadian International Development Agency - CIDA  Canada - Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT)	31-Jul-09	\$120,000.00
			30-Jun-09	\$97,713.50
			31-Aug-09	\$48,932.63
<b>TOTAL:</b>				<b>\$5,382,697.13</b>

WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM				
TITLE	GOAL	DONOR	END DATE	GRANT AMOUNT
Implementation of SAP-Bermejo River	To assist the governments of Argentina and Bolivia in addressing the root causes of the principal environmental problems affecting the Bermejo River Basin, with a focus on their main transboundary manifestations — namely, sediment erosion, transport, and dep	United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)/Global Environment Facility (GEF)	31-Aug-09	\$11,329,852.43
Golfo de Honduras	To formulate and execute a development plan for the Golfo de Honduras.	Honduras	31-Mar-09	\$112,215.89
Strengthening the Water Resources Sector in Brazil (SRH)	To establish the basis for the implementation of the National Water Resources Policy in Brazil; strengthening dialogue on water resources in Brasil.	Brazil	20-Dec-10	\$10,550,000.00
Sustainable Development Plan for Amazonian Integration Actions - PRODESAM	To complete a development plan for the Brazilian Amazonian Region, updating regional database , provide modern technological support, modernizing the Amazonian Aquiculture Network System, and consolidating documentation preparation.	Brazil - SUDAM	31-Dec-09	\$804,000.00
Guarani Aquifer Project	To promote the environmental protection and sustainable development of the Guarani Aquifer System.	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) - The World Bank	30-May-09	\$13,400,000.00
Amazon Basin	To strengthen the institutional framework for planning and executing, in a coordinated and coherent manner, activities for the protection and sustainable management of the land and water resources of the Amazon River Basin.	United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)/Global Environment Facility (GEF)	31-May-08	\$700,000.00
Sustainable Land Management in the Transboundary Gran Chaco American Ecosystem	To establish a sound foundation for sustainable land management in the Transboundary Gran Chaco Region & Eco-System.	United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)/Global Environment Facility (GEF)	30-May-09	\$500,000.00
Rio Negro Basin	To assess the actual status of social, economic, physical and environmental conditions with respect to the Rio Negro Transboundary Basin shared by Honduras y Nicaragua.	OAS Peace Fund	31-Dec-09	\$100,000.00
PROCUENCA San Juan Project	To support project preparation phase of the PROCUENCA SAN JUAN: Implementation of the Strategic Accion Plan.	OAS Femcidi Project Formulation Fund	31-Dec-08	\$10,000.00
Program for the Development of the Satellite System and Earth Observation Applications, PROSAT, of Argentina (PROSAT - PHASE II)	To contribute to the acquisition, management and use of spatial information including applications that contribute to improved socio-economic conditions in the Republic of Argentina	Comisión Nacional de Actividades Especiales de la Republica de Argentina (CONAE)	31-Dec-12	\$3,640,980.00
Advancing Good Governance and Hemispheric Policy Integration in Sustainable Fresh Water Management	To support greater policy and technical coordination amount the 34 member countries of the OAS in the sustainable management of freshwater resources.	Austria - Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs	31-Dec-10	\$67,200.00
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<b>TOTAL:</b>				<b>\$41,234,048.32</b>