

# "Prioritizing investments for water: The **Agua Tica** initiative in Costa Rica"



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# Agua Tica Public-Private Initiative

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Phase 3.
Operation

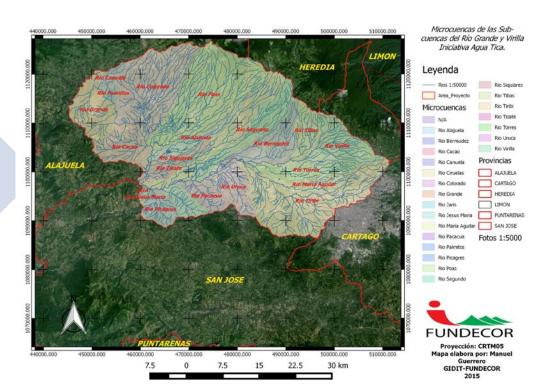




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#### **Main Goal**

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To establish a publicprivate financial mechanism



where existing and generated resources are oriented towards conservation activities that assure water quality and quantity for the benefit of the GMA population.





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#### **Concept**







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#### **Steering Committee**



















#### + new efforts









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Base Flow Regulation

Erosion control activities for improvement of superficial water quality

Improvement of aquifer infiltration areas

Erosion control activities that help protect water catchment areas for human consumption

#### **Expert Consultation**





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Control de Erosión para mejorar la calidad de agua superficial.	Control de Erosión para la protección de nacientes captadas (mejoramiento del entorno).	Control y Regulación de Caudal.	Recarga de Acuíferos.
Example: 01.Forest Protection	Ejemplo: 02. Reforestation	Ejemplo: 02. Reforestation	Ejemplo: 01.Forest Protection
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15. Good agricultural practices(11)	16. Degradated areas restoration (10)	16. Degradated areas restoration (8)	4. Water recharge areas protection. (10)
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16. Degradated areas restoration (7)	5. Agroforestal systems (6)	7. Slope control(5)	16. Degradated areas restoration (4)
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#### Strategic Interventions – Key Activities



Soil Regeneration



Good Agricultural Practices



Restoration of Degraded Areas



Environmental Education



Agroforestry Systems



**Slope Control** 



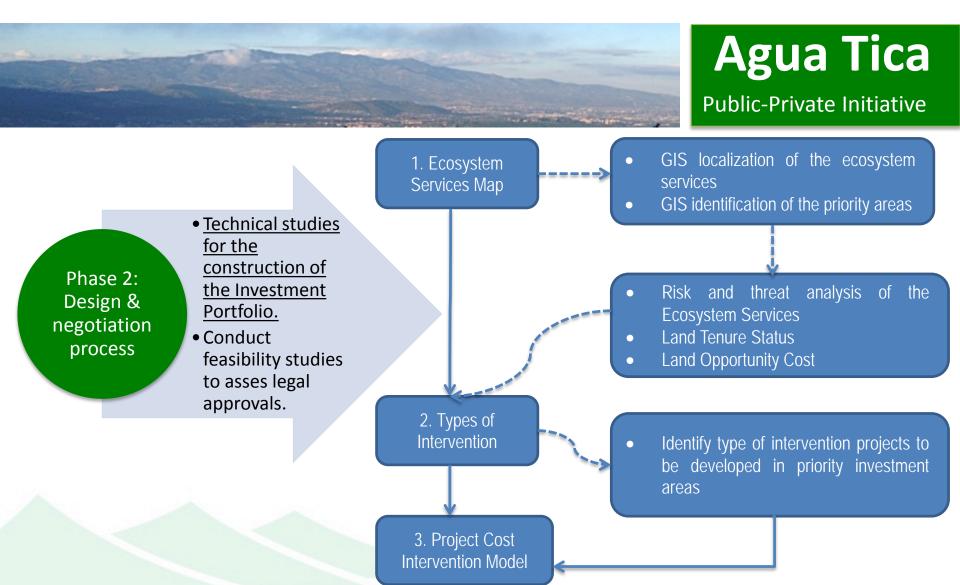
Forest Protection



Reforestation

#### **Activities Cost Calculation**





### **Strategic Investment**





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Strategic Investment	Cost in US\$/ha	
Assisted Regeneration	\$546,86	
Reforestation	\$1.548,63	
Agroforestry systems	\$549,03	
Natural Regeneration	\$106,13	
Forest Protection	\$89,82	
Good Agricultural Practices	\$18.676,48	
Cattle Good Practices	\$20.321,93	
Environmental Education	\$35,05	

### **Imputs for RIOS**





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Data		Source	Base Line
Climate	Evapotranspirati on Precipitation Month- Annual. Erosivity.	IMN	2005
Soil	Erodability Depth Texture	IMN INTA-MAG CIA	2005
Hidrology	Watersheds- Sub Watersheds, Basins River protection limits	IMN ESPH SENARA ICAA Dirección de Aguas	2005
Environment al- Social	Land Use Beneficiaries	FUNDECOR SINAC	2005- 2010

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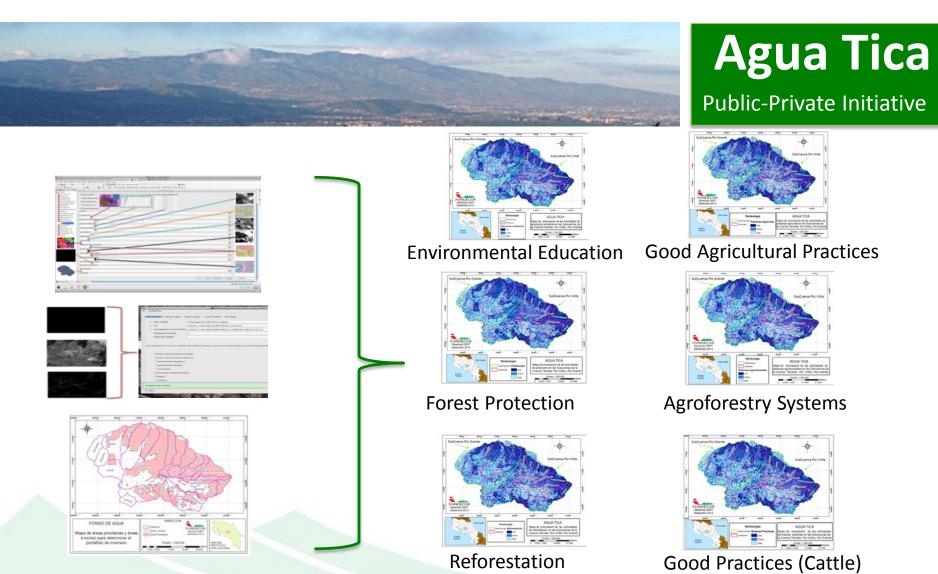


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### **RIOS: First Outputs**





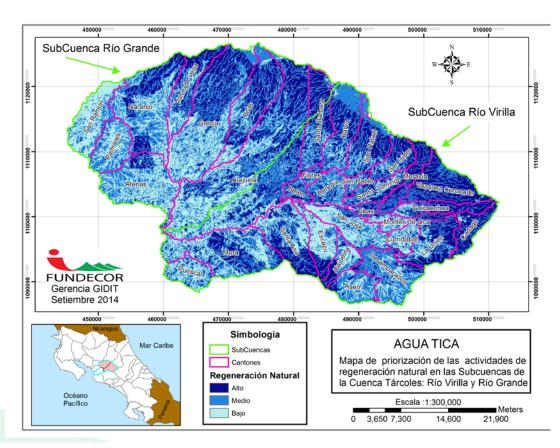
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Second Phase – Natural Regeneration



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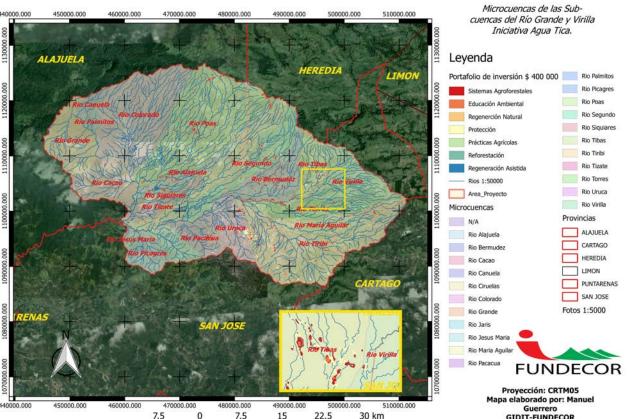




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Investment Portfolio



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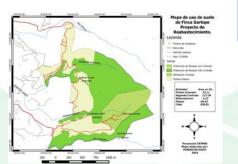
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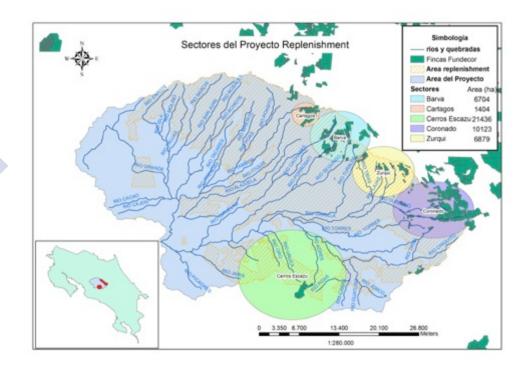




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Strategic Investments Replenish water to nature: forest protection & regeneration





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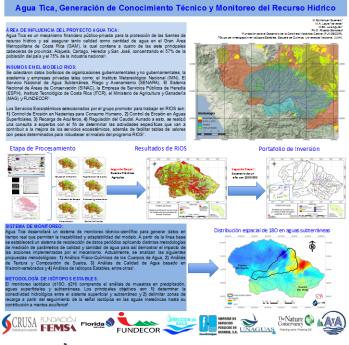
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Monitoring System

- Stanford –RIOS piloting process
- Development of a monitoring system:
- Biophysical: starting with an alliance between FUNDECOR & UNA-SIL Laboratory
- Socio-economic --- next steps!!









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### **Thanks**