

REPUBLIC OF PARAGUAY
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CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION

SUMMARY

The Republic of the Paraguay is divided by the river Paraguay in two natural regions, very differed environmentally, the Oriental Region and the Western Region or Chaco. Political and administratively, the territory is divided in seventeen Departments. In the Oriental Region, the annual half temperature oscillates between 21° C and 23° C in the Western Region, the annual half temperature is of 24°C.

One of the most eloquent qualitative parameters in this expansion constitutes it the quick deforestation process, causing a decrease in 32,22%, existing in 1945 with 8.805.000 has at 2.837.718 there is in the I finish monitored carried out in 1997, (Map of Forestry DOA/BGR). The insert of the country inside the CCD is given starting from 1997, by means of the ratification of the International Convention to Combat Desertification and the Drought (CCD) and the promulgation of the Law 970/97 through the Executive Power. In this sense it is of standing out that the desertification like a current natural phenomenon presents little representativeness in the country, I didn't seize the degradation of lands that is the result of an inappropriate interaction in the practices of qualification of lands, practical cultural and production systems that are causing erosion problems and compactación of floors, low fertility, among others. However at national level considering the presence of possible areas, the Western Region or Paraguayan Chaco, it is considered as the most susceptible to degradation processes that of not having mechanisms of alert or adapted forecast would rot to future to favour the formation and advance of the desertification like such.

Inside the normative mark, the promulgation of Environmental Laws, they have been another of the opportune factors that they facilitated the protection, preservation and conservation of the natural resources.

By means of the Undersecretary's of State of Natural Resources active action and environment (SSERNMA) he/she has strengthened the cooperation between government's organisms and ONG's of the whole country. This cooperation defines the implementation of programs and plans and improve the strategies of environmental administration, inside which the fight for the degradation of lands and its effects on the environment takes to the desertification and drought like probable parameters of action.

In spite of the incipient preponderance of the environmental sector in the Paraguay, the development politicians included inside a strategic plan of social development are guided toward the sostenibilidad of the same one.

In this sense they are diverse the programs and projects of national and international character that have several components of environmental

education diversified in several areas of the national territory that point to an integral attendance of indigenous communities, colonists mennonitas, Paraguayans, etc., trying to make aware the appropriate use of the natural resources for arid or semi-arid conditions.

Inside the conditions climate of the Oriental Region, the methodology of environmental education is more guided to the prevention of the degradation of lands and conservation of floors.

Among the achievements reached in the last years they figure the environmental introduction of the thematic one (legislation, rules and punitive, Treaties and International Agreements, etc), elaboration and political development of structures - administrative suitable regarding the handling and conservation of natural resources, as the future secretary or Ministry of the Atmosphere

The National Office of Gender, created in the year 1999 inside the MAG, is avocado to the woman's insert and its environment to the environmental problem of the country.

The elaboration of the BREAD so far has not been able to be taken ahead, mainly due to the administrative great political instability that the Paraguay has spent in the last years, forcing the responsible technicians to restart in several opportunities concientización processes to level of Ministers and Vice ministers, local Governments and other dependences involved in the thematic one. Inside the Program Sub regional of Sustainable Development of the Great American Chaco is come carrying out a series of consultations and exchanges of information tenderness to consolidate this vast American region.

Inside the activities foreseen to give pursuit to the thematic of the CCD/PY is the elaboration of documents technical control and pursuit thank you wing international technical cooperation.

The subject or susceptible own evaluation of areas to desertification will be carried out based on the control of the deforestation for both regions (Oriental and Western) in the sense that not alone the established parameters for approaches of selection of arid or semi-arid areas will be preponderant, but also the great influence that it represents the degradation of lands in tropical and subtropical areas that constitute a serious danger for the advance of these processes enunciated in the International Convention of the United National of Combat Desertification and Drought for the conditions of the Paraguay (CCD).