



**PROTECTED**  
**COORDINATED AUDIT**  
**AREAS**

# International Coordinated Audit on Protected Areas

The OLACEFS Special Technical Commission on the Environment (COMTEMA, in Spanish) is proud to present its latest work: The International Coordinated Audit on Protected Areas.

Inspired by the successful Coordinated Audit on Protected Areas held in 2014, COMTEMA will lead a new edition of this initiative. The contribution of protected areas to the conservation of biodiversity will be evaluated, based on the INDIMAPA methodology, the Aichi Targets and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

This new edition will address new issues and broaden the geographical scope of the analysis. In addition, it will be an opportunity to follow up on the results of the previous work.

The audit program will be carried out from 2018 to 2020, and will promote knowledge sharing and a stronger regional cooperation. The initiative is supported by project "Strengthening External Control in the Environmental Area", a partnership between the Brazilian-German Cooperation for Sustainable Development (through GIZ - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH) and OLACEFS.

# Protected areas and sustainable development

For the first time, the topic of protected areas will be analyzed considering the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted by the United Nations member states.



The targets of Goal 15 set challenges such as the conservation and sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems and their biodiversity, and the fight against deforestation.



Goal 14 deals with the conservation of oceans and marine resources, explicitly emphasizing the importance of protected areas as a strategy for reaching that goal.



In addition to the SDGs, Aichi Target 11 establishes minimum percentages of terrestrial and marine protected areas, and defines the qualitative requirements for environmental conservation, such as ecological relevance, representativeness and connectivity, among others.

# Coordinated audits

The coordinated audits are a combination of audits conducted by different Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) in their respective countries, following a consensual integrated planning approach with the objective of obtaining both national analyses and a regional assessment of the topic of the audit.

The benefits of coordinated audits include:



Cooperation and integration among SAIs



Capacity development



Exchange of good practices and lessons learned



Evaluation of cross-border issues



Consolidated results for the region

# Capacity building

The Federal Court of Accounts (TCU, in Portuguese), Brazil's SAI, as chair of the OLACEFS Capacity Building Committee (CCC, in Spanish), will offer capacity building courses aimed at standardizing the knowledge of participating SAIs.

## Courses Offered



Performance  
audit



2030 Agenda  
and SDGs



Biodiversity and  
protected areas



On-site  
workshops

## Coordination

The Federal Court of Accounts (TCU, in Portuguese), Brazil's SAI, will coordinate the audit program, and be responsible for consolidating results, preparing maps and communication products.

Coordinated audits use standardized concepts, methods, and tools to allow the consolidation of results at the regional level. TCU will provide standardized working papers, which will be discussed and evaluated with the participating SAIs.

## Standardized working papers

- Planning matrix
- Findings matrix
- Problem tree analysis
- Table of legal and normative frameworks
- Survey
- Criteria for consolidating results
- Other audit techniques

## Contact

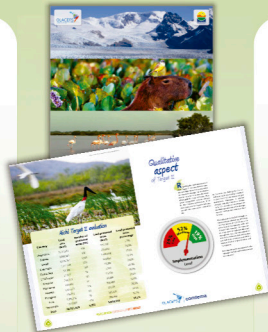
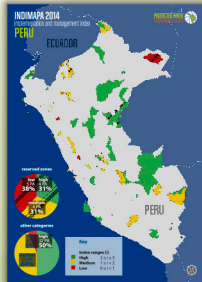
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# Communication products

The communication of results is a fundamental part of the audit process, bringing the work of auditors closer to information users. For this reason, communication products in different formats will be developed for different target audiences.

## INDIMAPA

Instrument for geospatial presentation of audit results about the management of each protected area.



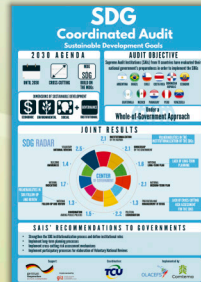
## INFOGRAPHIC

Panel where audit results are presented in a visual and attractive way.



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Publication of audit results presented in an accessible language.



## SUMMARY SHEET

Document synthesizing audit results in a single page.

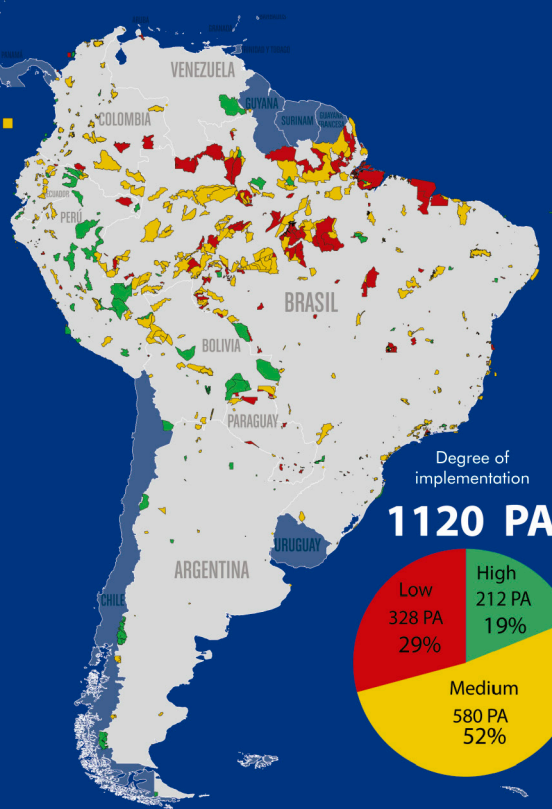
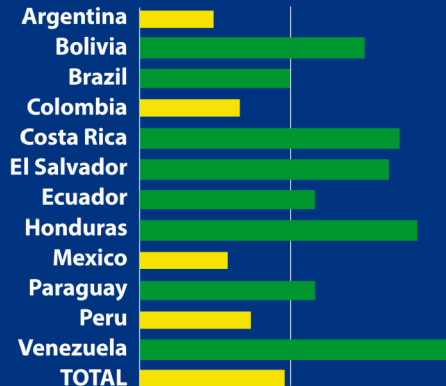
# INDIMAPA 2014 LATIN AMERICA

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## Aichi Target 11

Land areas – 2014

17% of the national territory





# Timeline

**2018**

Sending invitations to SAIs and confirming their participation

**1**  
**2019**

Training of SAIs

**2**  
**2019**

Audit planning and execution

**1**  
**2020**

Reporting and consolidation of results

**2**  
**2020**

Communication products

## Execution



## Coordination



## Support



Implemented by:

