

Latin America and The Caribbean  
Network of Environmental Funds



# Incorporating RedLAC

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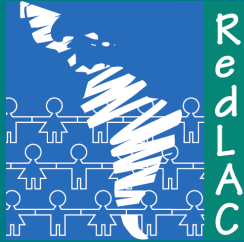
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- From 1994 to 1999, discussions to create the network.
- Antigua, Guatemala, October 1999
- First meeting from 3 pm to 2 am. Agreements forged in the fire of strong debate
- RedLAC, a long term commitment between peers united by a common cause



# RedLAC Mission

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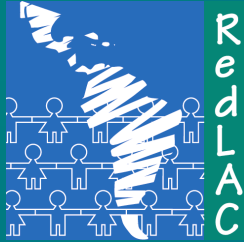
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*Promoting the inter-relationship and strengthening of Environmental Funds in Latin America and the Caribbean in an ongoing learning system for the conservation of the natural heritage and the region's sustainable development*



# What benefits and services will flow from RedLAC?

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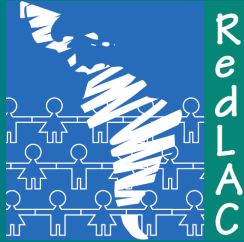
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- Information
- Learning and organizational development
- Institutional coordination and outreach



## What is the network's scope?

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- 19 environmental funds in Latin America and the Caribbean
- 14 countries
- 4 languages



# Resources under management

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- **US\$ 850.0 million**
  - **Endowment funds, US\$ 363.0 million**
  - **Sinking funds, US\$ 416.0 million**
  - **Revolving funds, US\$ 71.0 million**
- **More than 10,000 financed projects**
- **They channel US\$ 75.0 million a year approximately.**



# What activities do we finance?

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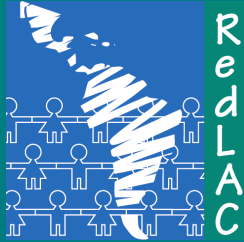
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- Protected Areas
- Projects in:
  - Conserving biodiversity
  - Sustainable use of natural resources
  - Capacity building
  - Research
  - Environmental education
  - Quality of environment
  - Others, including health and children





# Impacts

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- A working network with replication potential in Africa and Asia Pacific
- Continuity, a key asset
- The importance of collective intelligence and action
- A space creating innovation and examples of best practices
- A place to make dreams come true





# “Network Behavior”

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- Exchanges
- Learning
- Peer to peer support
- Managing new mechanisms or processes
- Commitment





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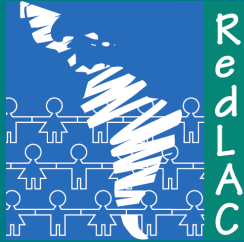
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- They build trust among donors
- Their systems make donors and beneficiaries compatible
- They attract technical human and financial resources from various sources
- They are developing innovative financial schemes, through a combination of sinking, endowment and revolving funds



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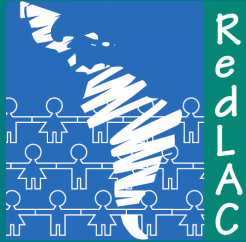
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- They operate through participatory multi-sector structures
- They assure institutional continuity in conservation processes
- They leverage and promote positive change in national and regional environmental policies
- They promote and implement biodiversity conservation and sustainable use strategies



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