

Future Plans: Regional Level

PROCIG partners made new commitments to advance our common agenda on the last day of our Cartagena meeting. Many of the commitments were to carry forward logistical matters like sharing trip reports, updating our participant contact list, sending our final report to all partners, and sending press releases to media outlets. However, a number of the commitments indicate the orientation towards project sustainability we have tried to achieve:

- A region-wide committee of 6 partners will write a software technical report on the utility of the ArcView software for the country projects. The report will include obstacles to effective use of the software and we will send it to ESRI and *infoDev*.
- A committee of eight partners agreed to work on developing a regional NSDI proposal, to be circulated among all partners.
 - Francisco Delgado, MARN, El Salvador
 - Arturo Cardona, VMVDU, El Salvador
 - Jorge Cueva, SERNA, Honduras
 - Noreen Fairweather, Belize
 - Roger Moraga, INEC, Costa Rica
 - Carolina Coronado, MARENA, Nicaragua
 - Carlos Elizondo, IGN, Costa Rica
 - Denis Fuentes, IGN, Panama
- All PROCIG partners agreed that it would be useful to have a national “NSDI web page” located within the national official web-portal. A PROCIG representative from each country will investigate how to arrange for this web site to be set up within their national portals.
 - Francisco Delgado, MARN, El Salvador
 - Jorge Cueva, SERNA, Honduras
 - Fernando Boiton, IGN, Guatemala
 - Noreen Fairweather, LIC, Belize
 - Fernando Ortega, ANAM, Panama
 - Carolina Coronado, MARENA, Nicaragua
 - Carlos Elizondo, IGN, Costa Rica
- All PROCIG partners expressed the interest of their institutions to participate in a regional web mapping project. Our colleagues at OpenGIS Consortium are putting together the technical specifications. We will include the open-source software for developing the network in our final report with CD to PROCIG partners. We are trying to attract donor and private sector interest in this concept.
- A committee of seven PROCIG partners is investing interest of national coordinators of the Mesoamerican Biological Corridor project in replicating the country study that was done by the Costa Rican group.
 - Francisco Delgado, MARN, El Salvador
 - Jorge Cueva, SERNA, Honduras
 - Noreen Fairweather, LIC, Belize
 - Fernando Ortega, ANAM, Panama
 - Carolina Coronado, MARENA, Nicaragua
 - Francisco Gonzales, MINAE, Costa Rica

Fernando Boiton, IGN, Guatemala [Fernando said that he would get in touch with the appropriate people through the inter-institutional meetings held by SNIG]

- The Directores of the national mapping agencies agreed to designate at least one professional to be responsible in a permanent way for following up on NSDI activities.