Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (Guatemala)

Actor
Country: Guatemala
Type Government
Level National
Active Yes
Ministerio de Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (Guatemala)
MARN

Summary

The Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources was established by Congress through Decree 90 of 2000. It is responsible for environmental management at the national level including regulations and environmental licensing. It evolved from the National Environmental Commission (Comision Nacional de Medio Ambiente; CONAMA), a presidential agency that was the first national environmental authority in Guatemala and was created by the Protected Areas Law of 1986.

Within MARN the Climate Change Unit (Unidad de Cambio Climático) was founded in September 2001 and manages the REDD+ process for the Government.

Alongside the Viceminister of the Ministry for Agriculture (Ministerio de Agricultura, Ganadería y Alimentación; MAGA) and the directors of the National Forestry Institute (Insituto Nacional de Bosques; INAB) and of the National Council for Protected Areas (Consejo Nacional de Areas Protegidas; CONAP), the Viceminister of MARN constitutes the Interinstitutional Coordination Group (Grupo de Coordinación Interinstitucional; GCI) which is currently the highest level fora for Government decision-making on REDD+.

MARN also chairs meetings of the CONAP and convenes the Forests, Biodiversity and Climate Change Group (Grupo de Bosques, Biodiversidad y Cambio Climático; GBBCC), which brings together representatives from different sectors to discuss REDD+ policy and which supervises the technical working groups working on REDD+. 
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