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TRANSFORMATIVE EDUCATIONAL JOURNEYS, through environmental projects

Since its creation, the Foundation for the Development of the Central Volcanic Mountain Range has been a pioneer in sustainable development in Costa Rica, through the implementation of innovative strategies, scientific methods, and a network of collaborations with various sectors.



Are you seeking captivating opportunities to provide to the students with an unparalleled hands-on experience in cutting-edge environmental conservation projects?

FUNDECOR invites you to join the learning in the heart of biodiversity: Costa Rica.

MISSION

Contribute to the generation of innovative solutions for the integrated management of the landscape through inclusive initiatives, which allow the benefits of nature and inclusive and resilient development to be enhanced.

VISION

By 2026 we are facilitators of human well-being by promoting integrated landscape management, through valuation and innovation in the sustainable management of natural resources, environmental conservation and resilience to the effects of Climate Change.



33 years promoting the sustainable development, by creating financial mechanisms that revalue ecosystem resources, strengthening of value chains, forest management, marketing and commercialization of wood products and services, training and technical advice for small forest owners.

With a legacy of innovation and leadership, we are excited to present the enriching possibilities available for your students.



Ecosystem Conservation
Immerse your students in the real experience of CONSERVATION, through Natural Resource Management. FUNDECOR has experience in supporting our Protected Wilderness Areas, acting as trainers, educators, and co-creators of conservation and management strategies.



Forest management
Forest development, forest disturbance, silviculture, forest restoration and field botany. Scientific Method: RESEARCH aiming to produce knowledge should be the baseline for assessing and quantifying the value of ecosystem services in forests. From measuring tree density and CO2 capture to evaluating ecosystem quality, they will be at the epicenter of conservation.



Biodiversity
Employ cutting-edge technologies such as the use of camera traps for mammals and species-specific capture techniques with Sherman and mist nets.



Water Resources
Dive into the Watershed, Water Security concepts and health of aquatic ecosystems through meticulous studies of macroinvertebrates and the physicochemical water quality with topics like Isotopes, pH, Conductivity, Total Dissolved Solids (TDS), Temperature, Phosphate and Nitrate measurements, Watershed Management, Water Ecosystem Services, Landscape Planification, among others.



Climate Change
Monitoring systems to explore the profound impacts of Climate Change. Empower the students with real-time data on temperature, precipitation, and more to make informed decisions. The use of tools such as drones, weather stations, apps, maps, orthophotos, and GIS allows us to conduct studies on the state of a forest or plantation.



Empowering Local Communities
Engage in impactful initiatives such as reforestation projects, organic gardens, and environmental planning. By collaborating directly with local communities, the students will drive sustainable change from the grassroots level.

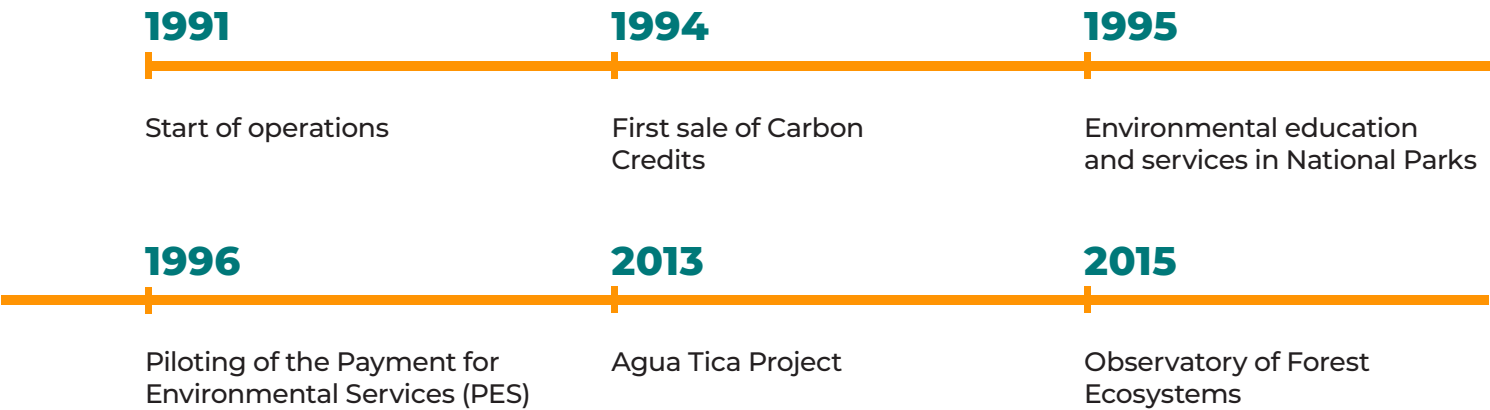


International Volunteering
Experience a unique opportunity to contribute to the conservation of Protected Wilderness Areas and support indigenous and rural communities in Costa Rica through our international volunteering program. Participants engage in eco-conservation activities, including protecting endangered species like marine turtles.

Legacy of Innovation

Our impact in 3 decades in the environmental, rural and economic development context of Costa Rica and the Region.

Initiatives and projects formulated and implemented by FUNDECOR, which have generated a significant impact on public policy and the country's regulatory framework, business generation, strengthening the capacities of farm owners, and improving the living conditions of the population:





Knowledge Transference:
More than one thousand people attended in organizations and delegations from 35 different countries.



75,000 hectares of forest protected.
(PSA, technical assistance and accompaniment with forest owners).





135 strategic alliances
with organizations, donors, companies, chambers, cooperatives.



+ 350,000 people impacted in Costa Rica:
beneficiary families, students, clients, volunteers, interns, donors, strategic allies, business community, civil society.

Since 2022, FUNDECOR has launched the BIOTA initiative, a pioneering mechanism characterized by its transparency, private nature and decentralized structure. The objective of this mechanism is to offer an alternative to finance the conservation of ecosystem services, facilitating access to investment markets that prioritize conservation, also generating a positive social impact.

FUNDECOR's impact has transcended borders and we have been working with organizations and companies from many countries:



–Belgium–Bhutan–Bolivia–Brazil–Canada–China–Colombia–Croatia–Cuba–Cambodia–Dominican Republic–England–Germany–India–Jamaica
–Kenia–Luxembourg–Martinique–Mexico–Morocco–Namibia–Nicaragua–Nigeria–Panamá–Paraguay–Peru–Ruanda–South Korea–Switzerland
–Taiwan –Thailand –Uganda –Ukraine –United Arab Emirates –United States

Our Allies:



Our International Groups catered:



Recognitions and certifications

1996	2000	2001	2003	2004	2012	2016	2019
Friend of Nature Prize, awarded by the Association Costa Rican Tourism Professionals. (ACOPROT)	FUNDECOR suggested by the World Bank, wins the award Rey Balduino, awarded by the Government of Belgium for the Innovation in the Development of environmental markets around the forest.	Award for the "Contribution to the Quality of Life", Office of the Ombudsman, Costa Rica.	Green Apple International Prize, Awarded byThe Green Organization.	Áncora Award 2004, one of the Most important recognitions in Costa Rica, for the contributions in Technology and Environmental protection.	Award for contribution to the country in the environmental management Universidad Nacional.	Ministry of Environment and Energy Recognition and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) as an exemplary organization in sustainable forest management in Costa Rica.	TourCert Check Certification The Qualification for CSR and Sustainability.

Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Certification for Good Practices in forest management.



Join Us!



Discover how you and your university can offer transformative learning experiences with FUNDECOR's legacy of innovation and expertise. Join us in fostering the next generation of conservation leaders as your students explore the captivating landscapes of Costa Rica. Together, let's create a future where Education + Purpose + Impact, converge!

All inclusive! Let's take care of your experience! Accommodation, meals, insurance, transportation, experience tour guides and experts, we got everything you need.

Impact beyond borders: Your university's environmental involvement extends beyond academics. You will contribute to the preservation of Costa Rica's valuable resources and the development of future leaders in conservation.

Let's create our sustainable future now, that begins with a transformative journey!



"It is a very unique program and collaboration; we are very pleased and honor to be partners with FUNDECOR"

Christopher Baraloto
Professor at Florida International University



"I have ten years bringing students to learn about FUNDECOR's solutions for environmental problems. FUNDECOR is a great host for students"

David Skole
Professor at Michigan State University



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