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ACOFRE is a private entity formed by interested companies and public organizations involved in the forestry industry. Its mandate is to represent the interests of its members and to help develop the forestry sector. It studies current forestry problems and proposes solutions to these problems. It participates in the formulation of legislation directly affecting the forestry industry. It provides specialized services for its members such as; guidance in establishing a forest management plan, granting environmental licenses and an inventory of Colombia's current forests. In general the association works for the continued development of the forestry industry.

OTHER IMPORTANT ORGANIZATIONS

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DANE is the Colombian equivalent of Statistics Canada. Currently DANE has approximately 600 employees nation wide. DANE provides statistical information regarding Colombia's population and demographics along with compiling economic data.

The Saig Division of DANE contains approximately 25 employees and is responsible for geographically referenced statistics. To help analyze and compile these statistics DANE uses GIS software and is currently using SPANS and ARC/INFO. The division has the capability of doing digitalization and producing maps of the country. They provide cadastral information on Colombia's major metropolitan regions as well as the rural areas. This information is made available to the public at a fee per use basis. In the past, the division has used the consulting services of various geomatics companies. Currently they have on going consulting contracts with Prosis for the maintenance and updating of their ESRI software and with TYDAC for their SPANS software.

In 1993 DANE was responsible for completing the Colombian national census and this created many opportunities for geomatics companies. In the year 2000 another census is scheduled to be completed and they are starting to prepare for it. To help them prepare for it they have signed an agreement with Statistics Canada. Already some Statistics Canada personnel have visited and worked on projects in conjunction with DANE.