

VENEZUELAN PRINCIPAL RESOURCE BASE (IN PLANTATIONS)
(ANZOATEGUI, MONAGAS)

Year	Planted	Plantations (Total ha.)
1989	43,002	
1990	45,521	
1991	44,860	
1992	31,884	
1993	31,786	490,686

Source: CVG-PROFORCA (State owned planting company)

Venezuela's principal plantations are located in the states of Anzoategui and Monagas. These plantations began in 1969 in Uverito (Monagas) with the objective of planting 180 millions of pine trees in 140,000 ha. in a period of 15 years. It was hoped that this would reduce the pressure on the tropical forest where trees take longer to grow. Plantations were an attractive alternate that would generate a complementary supply of logs for the sawmills and panel producers. In addition, it was an alternative supply of pulp (long fiber) needed for the production of paper (newspapers, magazines, etc.).

Today, the existing plantations in Anzoategui and Monagas are being financed not only by Public Funds but in small numbers by local and foreign investors as can be seen in the chart that