

Park lands:

The Venezuelan Park System (founded in 1978) is formed by 42 National Parks and 21 Natural Monuments covering a total area of 13 million ha., around 16% of the total national territory. The protection, consolidation and management of these Parks and Monuments are the responsibility of the INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE PARQUES (INPARQUES) which reports to the Ministry of the Environment (Ministerio del Ambiente).

3.3. Plantations

Venezuela began its plantations with Pinus caribaea, north of the Orinoco River in the state of Anzoategui. In 1969 around 693 ha. were planted. Today, the public sector has planted around 86% (422,759 ha.) of the total area and the rest, around 14% (67,927 ha.) has been done by the private sector.

Although plantation forestry is not new to Venezuela, there has been few private sector participants. In order to stimulate increased interest in the private sector, a Program for government support and incentives has been proposed to the Executive in the last 5 years in order to obtain results similar to Chile's experience since 1974. The private sector is asking for new laws that would create these supports and incentives.