

U.S.-CHILE ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION

On June 17, 2003, the United States and Chile signed an **Environmental Cooperation Agreement** to protect the environment while promoting sustainable development in concert with expanded trade and investment ties. Working together, the United States and Chilean Governments have collaborated with program partners to:

1. Bring over **6 million** (14.8 million acres) hectares of land under improved natural resource management, and support the development of **three sister park agreements** between Chilean and U.S. parks.
2. Reduce CO₂ emissions in the olive oil industry by **17.96 metric tons**, contributing to the fight against climate change.
3. Reach approximately **30,000** people in civil society to promote their active participation and engagement in environmental decision-making and enforcement.
4. Train over **300** people in natural resource management, biodiversity conservation, and environmental enforcement.
5. Share best environmental practices for **mining**, in support of strengthened processes for mine closure, and risk evaluation.
6. Implement improved measures for public use planning in **7 protected areas**, enhancing visitor management and outreach and promoting sustainable tourism.
7. Strengthen water resource management through installation of glacier melt monitoring equipment on **3 glaciers**.
8. Deploy a Burned Area Emergency Response team in response to the January 2012 wildfires in **Torres del Paine**, providing immediate recommendations to preserve and restore the park's ecosystem.
9. Enhance disease detection and response in the **salmon aquaculture** industry in support of sustainable trade.
10. **Leverage U.S.-Chilean cooperation** to engage other countries in the region and share best practices related to environmental enforcement, water resource management, and protected area management.



Francisco Coloane Marine Protected Area in Chile (left) and Glacier Bay National Park in the United States (right). The two parks, which share similar geographies, climates, and environmental challenges, signed a sister park agreement in 2011 to exchange best practices in protected area management. Photos courtesy of the National Park Service.



Two women in the SOHO olive processing facility label bottles destined for local and international markets. SOHO is one of many companies adopting greener production practices in the olive oil sector. Photo courtesy of the World Environment Center.



U.S. and Chilean officials and scientists head to a glacier demonstration site in Chile where they will install equipment that aids in data collection for glacier monitoring. Photo courtesy of Department of Interior.



U.S.-Chile collaborating scientists visit Chilean aquaculture sites preparing for empirical studies to support strengthened techniques for disease detection and control. Photo courtesy of USDA APHIS.