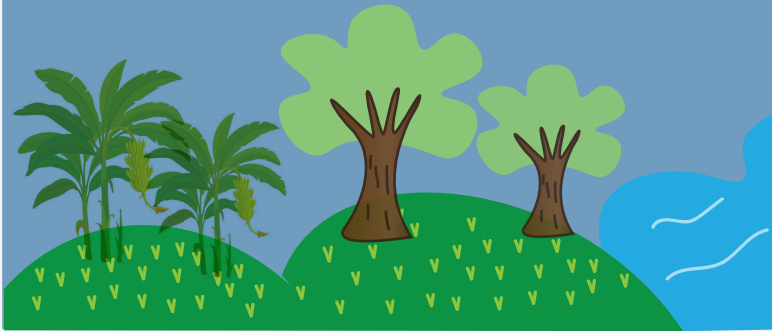


# What is a Management Plan?

## Fact Sheet

A Management Plan is a guiding document that gathers all the available information about the land in a property that is intended for conservation and management according to the landowner goals and objectives. It includes data on biogeographic, physical and cultural features needed to design and recommend practices to the landowner, such as: the surrounding landscape, forest characteristics, hydrology, topography, fauna and soils.

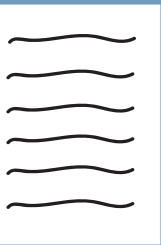
The Plan documents the actions and steps to implement better conservation practices at the property, taking into consideration the identified conditions and features. The owner follows the guidelines and practices adapting the necessary modifications to achieve the expected goals. The plan is developed and valid for ten (10) years.



The benefits of a management plan are many. It is a requirement in the process of requesting financial aid in different programs available to farms and non industrial private forest owners. The most common benefits are:

1. It serves as guidance for the owner to identify specific management actions.
2. Contains useful and educational information so that the owners know their property and strengthens their sense of belonging and commitment.
3. Serves as an opportunity to participate in state and federal programs that provide technical and economic assistance to apply the conservation practices recommended in the Plan to promote the protection and conservation of the natural resources as defined in the plan.

A management plan can also identify common necessities within a specific community or region.



At State and Private Forestry we assist in connecting the landowners with partners that manage programs that could help in the management plan implementation.

Together with the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DNER) in Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture, we have worked with different collaborators such as Cafiesencia, Centro para la Conservación del Paisaje and Protectores de Cuencas, among others.

