During the Arias Sanchez Administration the environmental agenda has been seriously affected by policies that threaten its preservation and maintenance. Specifically, the land use has become one of the more serious and persistent socioenvironmental problem, being affected not only by deficient legislation and weak implementation, but also by the severe lack of coordination between institutions that has turn into a transversal axis present in every level of the governmental organization in the country.

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