

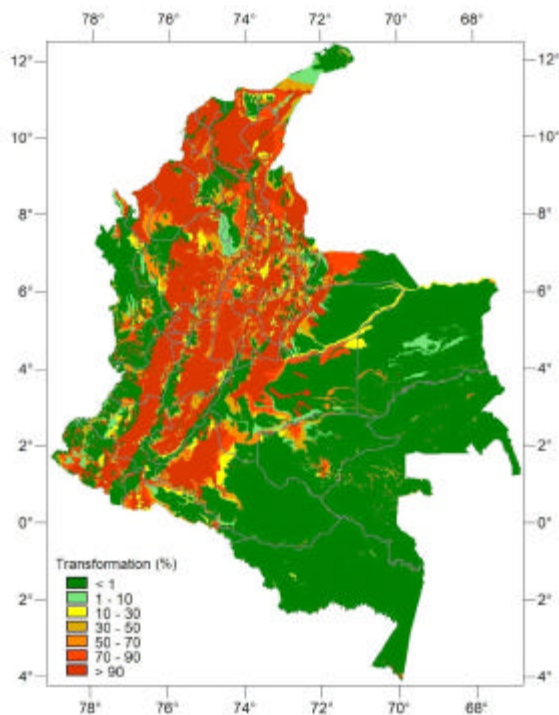
Inform 1: THE STATE OF CONSERVATION IN COLOMBIA

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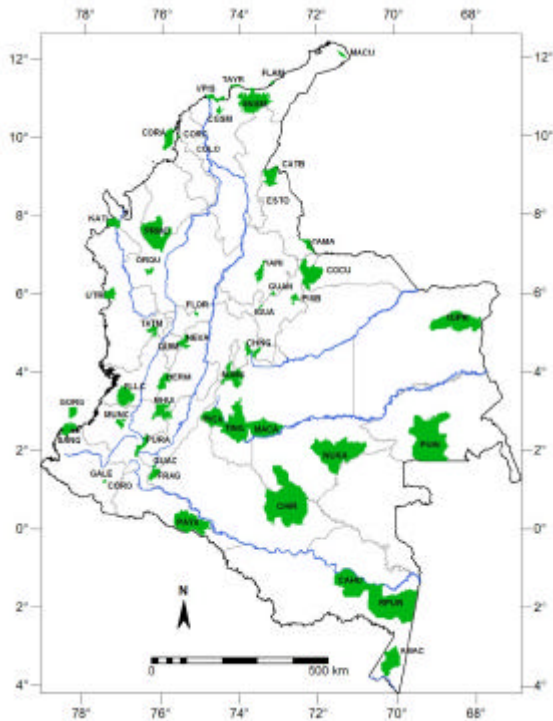
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The transformation of nature



- ? In 48.6 of the territory of Colombia the natural ecosystems are transformed
- ? 350.000 ha/ year are being transformed and this rate is increasing
- ? 10 ecosystems have already disappeared
- ? 49 ecosystems are transformed for at least 90 %

The present system of national parks



- ? There are 51 national parks that cover about 10% of the territory
- ? 492,500 ha are transformed within the national parks
- ? In 84% of the national parks there is transformation
- ? In 40% the damage is more than 10% of the area declared
- ? 47.2% of the ecosystems remain excluded from the present national parks
- ? Only 15 of the national parks contain all ecosystems that have to be united and of these only 4 of sufficient size to guarantee the survival of all species

Given this situation, about half of the biodiversity is in danger or at least is not formally protected.

Therefore, there is an urgent need to complete the system of conservation areas without making mistakes. In the next inform we will present the progress in the topic of priorities for conservation and the implementation in Colombia.

Source: Fandiño-Lozano, M. & W. van Wyngaarden, 2005. Prioridades de Conservación Biológica para Colombia. Grupo ARCO, Bogotá.