Healthy Agricultural Systems
Latin America Action Landscapes

Growth in demand for agriculture (both crops and livestock), along with climate change, will intensify the challenges to conservation and biodiversity posed by the sector’s dominance in Latin America. The Healthy Agricultural Systems (HAS) strategy aims to demonstrate how agriculture can promote restoration of productive, resilient lands that significantly benefit from preservation and regeneration of environmental services.

After concluding a first of its kind rigorous 10-month analytical process, 14 action landscapes were identified to guide HAS implementation. Collectively, they represent the diversity of agricultural and natural systems within Latin America.

Each landscape meets three criteria:

1. Based on climate change analysis, the land is suitable for achieving high crop yields now to 2030
2. Agriculture or grazing are the dominant land use
3. There is good potential for increasing agricultural production by restoring degraded lands

In addition, many of the landscapes have several co-benefits, such as restoring and protecting nature and the benefits it provides (including biodiversity and ecosystem services).

TNC envisions working in up to 8 of these landscapes designed for scale, synergistic outcomes and to further advance existing conservation initiatives. In-depth descriptions of all 14 action landscapes are available in the final mapping report.