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On Feb. 20 in Washington, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) announced approval of a US$1.937 million donation from the IDB's special Japanese fund earmarked for natural resource management. The money will be spent on a US$2.2 million institution building and consolidation project. Among other things, the project encompasses the purchase of equipment, defining management alternatives, and training activities aimed at financial self-sufficiency of national parks and other protected areas. The program will be implemented by the national park service, a division of the Mining, Energy and Natural Resources Ministry (Ministerio de Recursos Naturales, Energia y Minas-MIRENEM). A non-governmental organization to be contracted by the government is to serve as consultant. (Basic data from Spanish news service EFE, Agence France- Presse, 02/20/92)