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TITLE: Extension of the Zero Deforestation Law.

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OBJECTIVE:

- The extension of the Zero Deforestation Law until December 2018.

MAIN RESULTS:

- On Thursday, 29th of August 2013, The Paraguayan Congress extended the Zero Deforestation Law until 2018 (Law 5045/2013).
- 20,000 signatures collected to support the extension of the Zero Deforestation Law by the awareness campaign “Que siga y se cumpla” (To continue and comply).

ACTIVITIES:

- To achieve the Zero Deforestation Law extension, WWF Paraguay developed an advocacy work with the most representative authorities from the Paraguayan Senate to get their support. There were two commissions that gave a strong presentation during the discussion session of the law extension: the Commission of Energy and Natural Resources and the Legislature Commission of the Senate.
- In 2013, WWF launched the awareness campaign "Que siga y se cumpla" aimed at highlighting the importance of conservation of the Atlantic Forest and collected 20,000 signatures of citizenship to support the extension of the Zero Deforestation Law. During Earth Hour 2014 (29th March), the signatures have been given to national authorities, including the ex-Minister of the Environment, Ms. Cristina Morales, and Congressman Oscar Tuma.

IMPACTS:

- Parallel to the extension of the Zero deforestation Law, WWF Paraguay advocates the implementation of financial and legal mechanisms such as the Payment for Environmental Services (PES) and the Program of Conformance with Forest Legislation to truly achieve a Zero Net Deforestation in the AF in Paraguay by 2020.
- Several complementary activities were developed to engage different audiences as: environmental workshops in universities, communication events, media coverage and environmental fairs in Central Department.

After the extension of the Zero Deforestation Law until 2018

Though the Paraguayan Legislature extended the Zero Deforestation Law for five more years, WWF continues working with the Paraguayan Government and local non-government organizations to effectively enforce the Zero Deforestation Law, to implement financial and legal mechanisms to achieve a zero net deforestation in Paraguay (as PSA and REDD+). Also, WWF continues in promoting best management practices (BMPs) in agricultural and livestock sector.

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