

Farm Welfare Project Report

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The Inter-American Development Bank (“IDB”)¹

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¹ Also includes projects of IDB Invest, the private sector lending arm of IDB

Farm animal welfare standards in the Inter-American Development Bank's livestock projects

Project: Banco Industrial GT: Senior Sustainable Loan to Boost Productive Portfolio in Guatemala²

Recipient: Banco Industrial, S.A.

Amount: US\$ 110,000,000

Location: Guatemala

Date approved: N/A

Project summary: Loan to a financial institution. Agriculture and agribusiness are referenced.³

Environmental Safeguards Category: FI-2

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

Project: Bancamia: Amazonia Bond to Increase Financing in Colombia's Amazonia Region⁴

Recipient: Banco de las Microfinanzas S.A.

Amount: US\$ 20,397,200

Location: Colombia

Date approved: N/A

Project summary: Loan to a financial institution. "Sustainable and Low-Carbon Agriculture, Livestock, and Forestry" is an eligible sub-project.⁵

Environmental Safeguards Category: FI-2

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

Project: Santa Priscila: Driving Sustainable Shrimp Farming in Ecuador via Electrification⁶

Recipient: Industrial Pesquera Santa Priscila S.A.

Amount: US\$ 150,000,000

Location: Ecuador

Date approved: N/A

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<https://idbinvest.org/en/projects/banco-industrial-gt-senior-sustainable-loan-boost-productive-portfolio-guatemala>

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<https://sapfnidbinvestrm.blob.core.windows.net/atidocs/English/EZSHARE-1564707212-11/Banco%20Industrial%20GT%20-%20Senior%20Loan%20-%2015488-01-GU%20-%20Environmental%20and%20Social%20Review%20ESRS.pdf>

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<https://idbinvest.org/en/projects/bancamia-amazonia-bond-increase-financing-colombias-amazonia-region>

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https://sapfnidbinvestrm.blob.core.windows.net/atidocs/English/EZSHARE-1281319239-10/Bancamia_Amazonia%20Bond_15692-01_CO%20Environmental%20and%20Social%20Review%20ESRS.pdf

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<https://www.idbinvest.org/en/projects/santa-priscila-driving-sustainable-shrimp-farming-ecuador-electrification>

Project summary: Support to “Ecuador’s leading shrimp exporter and one of the largest producers worldwide” to “finance the electrification of two of the Company’s shrimp farms, Chanduy and Bajen, which together cover 2,241.98 hectares.”⁷

Environmental Safeguards Category: B

Farm animal welfare standards: The company will be reviewed against “Good Aquaculture Practices.” Additionally: “The company has a 100% antibiotic-free policy in shrimp and fish production and has an Animal Health Department responsible for ensuring that all management processes are optimal to guarantee animal welfare in all its aquaculture operations. These include: (i) ensuring that animals introduced into new environments undergo a gradual adaptation process that minimizes the risk of disease, parasites, and nutritional disorders; (ii) the physical environment has conditions that recreate the natural environment of farmed animals; (iii) balanced feed is guaranteed appropriate to the number of animals; (iv) water and soil quality measurements are taken to maintain the appropriate environment for each phase of farming; (v) health and welfare parameters are evaluated to ensure that adequate carrying capacities for the different stages of cultivation are not exceeded; (vi) sampling is carried out as quickly as possible, ensuring animal welfare throughout the process; (vii) preventive monitoring is carried out to avoid infestations, and if they occur, natural and organic therapy protocols are used for treatment; (viii) when animals do not recover, they are humanely euthanized and properly buried in organic graves; and (ix) annual training is provided to technical staff and those responsible for each area on animal health and welfare issues.”^{8,9}

Project: Banco Agrícola: Leading the Way with the First Blue Bond Issuance in El Salvador¹⁰

Recipient: Banco Agrícola

Amount: US\$ 15,000,000

Location: El Salvador

Date approved: N/A

Project summary: “Projects eligible for the Bank’s blue bond are mainly focused on companies in the corporate segment and fall within various subcategories of blue financing. These include wastewater treatment projects, port development, sustainable maritime transport, as well as agricultural and agro-industrial activities employing sustainable practices.”¹¹

Environmental Safeguards Category: FI-2

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

Project: Hadco - Trade Finance for Green Supply Chains¹²

Recipient: Hadco

⁷ Ibid.

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[https://sapfnidbinvestrm.blob.core.windows.net/atidocs/Spanish/EZSHARE-285611177-15/Santa%20Prisca%20-%20Resumen%20de%20la%20Revision%20Ambiental%20y%20Social%20\(RRAS\).pdf](https://sapfnidbinvestrm.blob.core.windows.net/atidocs/Spanish/EZSHARE-285611177-15/Santa%20Prisca%20-%20Resumen%20de%20la%20Revision%20Ambiental%20y%20Social%20(RRAS).pdf)

⁹ This is an English translation of the original document, which is in Spanish.

¹⁰ <https://www.idbinvest.org/en/projects/banco-agricola-leading-way-first-blue-bond-issuance-el-salvador>

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https://www.idbinvest.org/sites/default/files/2025-08/Banco%20Agricola%20Blue%20Bonds%20-%2015562-01%E2%80%9320ES%20Environmental%20and%20Social%20Review%20ESRS_compressed.pdf

¹² <https://www.idbinvest.org/en/projects/hadco-trade-finance-green-supply-chains>

Amount: US\$ 10,000,000

Location: Trinidad and Tobago

Date approved: N/A

Project summary: “The Companies are seeking financing structured as follows: (i) a committed tranche to support imports and the purchase of goods primarily within the Food & Beverage and Electrical & Lighting segments of the Distribution Division; and (ii) an uncommitted tranche to finance future capital expenditures as well as additional imports and purchases of goods (together, the “Project”)...Hadco imports essential food items—including rice, meat, milk, and pasta—which play a key role in ensuring food availability in the region.”¹³

Environmental Safeguards Category: B

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found. According to IDB’s response to FWF’s request for information: “Hadco Holdings Limited and Hadco Limited do not own or operate any farms or other animal production facilities. Therefore, IDB Invest did not request information from the companies regarding farm animal welfare standards, certifications or trainings during the Project’s environmental and social due diligence.”

Project: BAC Guatemala - Sustainable Bond Series 2¹⁴

Recipient: Banco de América Central S.A.

Amount: US\$ 100,000,000

Location: Guatemala

Date approved: September 2025

Project summary: “Tentative green projects will focus on nine of the following categories: (1) Clean transportation, (2) Renewable energy (including hydroelectric plants up to 10MW and solar energy up to 20MW), (3) Energy efficiency, (4) Sustainable construction, (5) Waste management, (6) Sustainable agricultural production, (7) Sustainable water and wastewater management, (8) Sustainable fishing and aquaculture, and (9) Circular economy.”¹⁵ According to IDB’s response to FWF’s request for information: “The Second Party Opinion confirms the issuance does not include livestock activities or any type of animal production.”

Environmental Safeguards Category: FI-2

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

Project: Banistmo, S.A. – Panama: Sustainable Bond to Boost Social and Green Investments in Panama¹⁶

Recipient: Banistmo

Amount: US\$ 75,000,000

Location: Panama

Date approved: September 2025

¹³ Ibid.

¹⁴ <https://www.idbinvest.org/en/projects/bac-guatemala-sustainable-bond-series-2>

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https://sapfnidbinvestrm.blob.core.windows.net/atidocs/English/EZIIIC0000093-734320007-10/BAC%20Guatemala_15759-01%20Environmental%20and%20Social%20Review%20ESRS.pdf

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<https://www.idbinvest.org/en/projects/banistmo-sa-panama-sustainable-bond-boost-social-and-green-investments-panama>

Project summary: Loan to a financial institution. Agribusiness is a significant sector of investment for the recipient.¹⁷

Environmental Safeguards Category: FI-2

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

Project: Banco Bolivariano: Biodiversity Bond in Ecuador¹⁸

Recipient: Banco Bolivariano

Amount: US\$ 50,000,000

Location: Ecuador

Date approved: July 2025

Project summary: “The projects eligible for the Bank’s Biodiversity Bond are primarily focused on corporate segment companies engaged in activities within the fishing, aquaculture, and agriculture sectors, as well as forestry and forest plantation sectors.”¹⁹

Environmental Safeguards Category: FI-2

Farm animal welfare standards: Currently, Banco Bolivariano does not provide the framework for its Biodiversity Bond on its website. There is no evidence of farm animal welfare standards in project documents.

Project: Equity Investment in AgVentures III: Agtech for Inclusion and Sustainability in LAC²⁰

Recipient: AgVentures III

Amount: US\$ 6,000,000

Location: Regional

Date approved: June 2025

Project summary: “The Project’s objective is to support the growth in terms of revenues and expansion to new markets of up to 22 early-stage agtech and foodtech startups from LAC.”²¹

AgVentures II’s investments included companies involved in the meat, dairy and egg supply chain, such as Frizata.^{22,23} Alternative proteins are one of the key areas of investment.²⁴

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

Project: BB Amazônia-Bioeconomy Program BID-Banco do Brasil²⁵

Recipient: Banco de Brasil

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<https://sapfnidbinvestrm.blob.core.windows.net/atidocs/English/EZSHARE-657160516-10/Banistmo%20Green%20and%20Social%20Bond%20-%2014893-01%E2%80%93PN%20Environmental%20and%20Social%20Review%20ESRS.pdf>

¹⁸ <https://idbinvest.org/en/projects/banco-bolivariano-biodiversity-bond-ecuador>

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<https://idbinvest.org/sites/default/files/2025-05/Banco%20Bolivariano%20Diversity%20Bond%2015404-01-EC%20-%20Environmental%20and%20Social%20Review%20ESRS.pdf>

²⁰ <https://www.iadb.org/en/project/RG-Q0146>

²¹ Ibid.

²² <https://pitchbook.com/profiles/fund/17637-94F#investments>

²³ <https://pitchbook.com/profiles/company/463915-00#overview>

²⁴ <https://www.iadb.org/document.cfm?id=EZIDB000211-1650305369-3>

²⁵ <https://www.iadb.org/en/project/BR-L1633>

Amount: US\$ 250,000,000

Location: Brazil

Date approved: June 2025

Project summary: “The Specific Development Objectives of the program are: (i) to expand access to credit for productive development of local bio-businesses across bioeconomy value chains; and (ii) to expand access to credit for the development of sustainable infrastructure in the region.” Interventions for the livestock sector are mentioned numerous times in the program’s Climate Change and Sustainability Annex.²⁶

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

Project: NASE: Promoting Growth and Productivity in a Sustainable Manner²⁷

Recipient: Negocio Agrícola San Enrique S.A. de C.V. (“NASE”)

Amount: Up to US\$ 30,000,000

Location: Mexico

Date approved: December 2024

Project summary: Shrimp farming is one of NASE’s main business units, including a 1,990 hectare and a 1,000 hectare shrimp farm.²⁸

Environmental Safeguards Category: B

Farm animal welfare standards: Farm animal welfare is not referenced in the Environmental and Social Action Plan.²⁹ According to IDB’s response to FWF’s request for additional information about the project: “NASE has the Buenas Prácticas Acuícolas (BPA) Certificate for its shrimp farms and is currently preparing material for training in animal welfare.”

Project: LAC Agribusiness Development Corp.: Promoting Food Security through SMEs³⁰

Recipient: Latin American Agribusiness Development Corp

Amount: US\$ 40,000,000

Location: Regional

Date approved: December 2024

Project summary: The project supports a private development bank, which will use the proceeds to invest in small and medium sized companies that promote food security, including through production of animal protein.³¹

Environmental Safeguards Category: FI-2

²⁶ <https://www.iadb.org/document.cfm?id=EZIDB0001868-1827954925-12>

²⁷ <https://www.idbinvest.org/en/projects/nase-promoting-growth-and-productivity-sustainable-manner>

²⁸ [https://sapfnidbinvestrm.blob.core.windows.net/atidocs/English/EZSHARE-704341236-6/NASE%20-%20-%20Environmental%20and%20Social%20Review%20Summary%20\(ESRS\).pdf](https://sapfnidbinvestrm.blob.core.windows.net/atidocs/English/EZSHARE-704341236-6/NASE%20-%20-%20Environmental%20and%20Social%20Review%20Summary%20(ESRS).pdf)

²⁹ [https://sapfnidbinvestrm.blob.core.windows.net/atidocs/English/EZSHARE-704341236-7/NASE%20-%20Enrironmental%20and%20Social%20Action%20Plan%20\(ESAP\).pdf](https://sapfnidbinvestrm.blob.core.windows.net/atidocs/English/EZSHARE-704341236-7/NASE%20-%20Enrironmental%20and%20Social%20Action%20Plan%20(ESAP).pdf)

³⁰ <https://www.idbinvest.org/en/projects/lac-agribusiness-development-corp-promoting-food-security-through-smes>

³¹ Ibid.

Farm animal welfare standards: Animal welfare is referenced, though as it relates to worker safety: “The primary E&S risks of the proposed project relate to LAAD's ability to assess and manage risks associated with its pipeline of sub-projects in forestry, animal protein, and banana production primarily. Potential impacts include occupational health and safety risks tied to animal welfare, as well as agricultural practices that may expose workers to agrochemicals.”³² There is no reference to any specific farm animal mitigation measures, such as the use of specific standards or certifications. According to IDB's response to FWF's request for information: “The funding from IDB Invest to Latin American Agribusiness Development Corp. was not directed at operation of farms nor other animal production facilities. As a result, IDB Invest did not request information from the client regarding farm animal welfare standards, certifications or trainings during the Project's environmental and social due diligence.”

Project: Massy Partnership for Strategic Expansion and Sustainable Growth in the Caribbean (Massy Group)³³

Recipient: Massy Group

Amount: US\$ 150,000,000

Location: Regional

Date approved: December 2024

Project summary: Support for grocery retailer expansion.³⁴

Environmental Safeguards Category: B

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found. According to IDB's response to FWF's request for information: “Massy Holding Ltd. and Massy Integrated Retail Ltd. do not own or operate any farms or other animal production facilities. Therefore, IDB Invest did not request information from the companies regarding farm animal welfare standards, certifications or trainings during the Project's environmental and social due diligence.”

Project: Floralp: From Artisanal to Global Innovation in Ecuador's Dairy Derivatives Sector³⁵

Recipient: Floralp

Amount: US\$ 2,000,000

Location: Ecuador

Date approved: December 2024

Project summary: “To support the expansion and responsible development of FLORALP by: (i) building a logistics center for the management of processed and semi processed products; (ii) promoting more advanced production technology and methods for small and medium-sized milk producers in order to increase on-farm productivity; and (iii) piloting a program for reducing dairy

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[https://sapfnidbinvestrm.blob.core.windows.net/atidocs/English/EZSHARE-391027235-2/LAAD_Promoting%20Food%20Security%2014953-01%20\(Regional\)%20Environmental%20and%20Social%20Review%20\(ESRS\).pdf](https://sapfnidbinvestrm.blob.core.windows.net/atidocs/English/EZSHARE-391027235-2/LAAD_Promoting%20Food%20Security%2014953-01%20(Regional)%20Environmental%20and%20Social%20Review%20(ESRS).pdf)

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<https://www.idbinvest.org/en/projects/massy-partnership-strategic-expansion-and-sustainable-growth-caribbean-massy-group>

³⁴ Ibid.

³⁵ <https://www.iadb.org/en/project/EC-L1299>

farms' methane emissions by introducing innovative cattle feed that will mitigate this factor.”³⁶
Floralp is “a leading company in the manufacturing and marketing of aged cheeses.”³⁷

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: The Environmental and Social Review states: “Supply Chain: FLORALP provides training to small and medium-sized supplier farmers to ensure sustainable milk production under environmental and social conditions that comply with international best practices. [FLORALP] holds a FLORALP Dairy Farm Management Certification. [FLORALP] has a procedure to ensure animal welfare for its suppliers. This includes Livestock Development training workshops on the FLORALP Animal Welfare Policy.”^{38,39} According to IDB’s response to FWF’s request for additional information about the project: “Regarding your inquiry about standards, certifications or training on farm animal welfare in the FLORALP project, we would like to comment that please note that the IDB does not have such information.”

Project: Sustainable Rural Development Project of the State of Paraíba (PROCASE II)⁴⁰

Recipient: Brazil

Amount: US\$ 70,000,000

Location: Brazil

Date approved: November 2024

Project summary: The project aims to increase “crop and livestock production” of 10,800 farmers.⁴¹ According to IDB’s response to FWF’s request for more information about the project, the project will not “large-scale animal or agricultural production” and “is expected to involve mainly the improvement of small-scale dairy production and free-range chicken.”

Environmental Safeguards Category: B

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found. According to IDB’s response to FWF’s request for more information about the project: “Although the project does not include provisions related to animal welfare standards, certifications and training on animal welfare, it is expected that technology improvements promoted by the projects contribute to increased animal welfare for the following reasons: (i.) The project will focus on improving food security and productivity among small farmers, so it will not finance large-scale animal or agricultural production. Animal production is expected to involve mainly the improvement of small-scale dairy production and free-range chicken. (ii.) The project will provide financing and technical assistance to beneficiaries to promote their adoption of agroecological production technologies, which use biological instead of synthetic inputs. Synthetic fertilizers, herbicides and other inputs that may cause contamination and harmful effects on human and animal health will be discouraged by the project technical assistance services, and their purchase will not be financed by the project. (iii.) The project will promote the adoption of climate change adaptation and mitigation technologies, including among others water storage technologies, recovery and improvement of degraded pastures, and establishment of pasture-forest systems. This will help

³⁶ Ibid.

³⁷ <https://www.iadb.org/document.cfm?id=EZIDB0000366-965128629-50545>

³⁸ <https://www.iadb.org/document.cfm?id=EZIDB0002888-54657477-3>

³⁹ This is an English translation of the original document, which is in Spanish.

⁴⁰ <https://www.iadb.org/en/project/BR-L1623>

⁴¹ <https://www.iadb.org/document.cfm?id=EZIDB0001002-145772799-60>

improve animal access to natural food, and forest-pasture systems will provide shade and protection against high temperatures.”

The Inter-American Development Bank’s farm animal welfare policy

The IDB’s Environmental and Social Performance Standards, Standard 6, Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources, Guideline 131 (2021) states: “Projects involving livestock and other uses of animals should apply relevant animal welfare standards, whether national legal requirements or international voluntary standards.”⁴²

The Inter-American Development Bank’s environmental safeguard policies

“Category A: Operations that can potentially cause significant negative environmental or social impacts or have profound implications affecting natural resources.

Category B: Operations that have the potential to cause mostly local and short-term negative environmental or social impacts and for which effective mitigation measures are known and readily available.

Category C: Operations that can cause minimal or no negative environmental or social impacts.

FI operations: Operations for which the financing structure involves the provision of funds through FIs or through delivery mechanisms involving intermediation whereby the FI undertakes the task of subproject appraisal and monitoring.”⁴³

⁴² <https://www.iadb.org/document.cfm?id=EZSHARE-110529158-192>

⁴³ <https://idbdocs.iadb.org/wsdocs/getdocument.aspx?docnum=EZSHARE-110529158-160>