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SUBJECT: ANSWER REGARDING ENTITIES RELATED TO PROTECTION OF  
RENEWABLE NATURAL RESOURCES, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, CHILE

1. Answering your request I can state the following:

In compliance with its organic act (Act Nr. 19.755 dated January 7, 1989, modified by Act Nr.19.283 from January 5, 1994) the main objective of the Servicio Agrícola y Ganadero (SAG) is to contribute to the agricultural development of the country, by means of protection, maintenance or increase of animal and plant health, protection and conservation of renewable natural resources with incidence in agricultural production of the country, and control of agricultural raw materials and products subject of regulation through legal norms and by-laws.

SAG is a decentralized functioning service, submitted to surveillance by the President of the Republic, through the Ministry of Agriculture.

Among its duties and attributions the following can be mentioned:

- It shall guard the fulfillment of international agreements subscribed by Chile in matters of its competence (for example, CITES, Convention on International Trade of Species in Danger of Extinction)
- It might conduct studies and specific census to learn about the magnitude and state of renewable natural resources in the field of agriculture, and establish technical rules for the study of the national soil chart.
- Clarify and control the observance of legal norms and by-laws about hunting and fishing, soil protection and its agricultural use, contamination of agricultural

resources, soil qualification, and domestic and natural soil fauna protection.

- Promote means for assuring soil and water conservation, to avoid soil erosion and improve its fertility and drainage.
- Additionally, it will promote initiatives for conservation and improvement of extraction, conveyance and use of water for agricultural purposes. Similarly, it will regulate and manage the provision of incentives to facilitate the adoption of conservation practices in the use of soils, water and vegetation (for example, the System of Incentives for Recovery of Degraded Soils, that is fully working since 1996).
- SAG conducts conservation activities through its Division of Protection of Renewable Natural Resources (DIPROREN)

2. Other entities or public offices related to the protection of renewable natural resources are:

- Comisión Nacional del Medio Ambiente (national commission of the environment), based on the Act on Bases for the Environment
- Corporación Nacional Forestal (national corporation of forestry), which among its tasks includes control of the Act of Forestry Development, and the management of state-protected wild areas.
- Dirección de Aguas y Dirección de Riego del Ministerio de Obras Públicas (water and irrigation department of the Ministry for Public Works)

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