



## GUATEMALA



- **Guatemala** currently has 14 public policies related to soils, which have a multi-thematic character. These are framed within the period from 1985 to 2016; In addition, they are distributed among Decrees, Pacts, Plans, Policies, Agreements, Programs and even the Political Constitution.

According to their thematic area, the number of existing public policies in the country regarding soils is detailed below:

### ● SOIL CONSERVATION: 11

- Political Constitution of the Republic of Guatemala. Date of text: 31-05-1985
- Decree No. 101/96 - Forest Law. Date of text: 02-12-1996
- Decree No. 2-2015: Law to promote the establishment, recovery, restoration, management, production and protection of forests in Guatemala – PRO-BOSQUE. Date of text: 24-09-2015
- Decree No. 4/89 - Protected Areas Law. Date of text: 07-02-1989
- Decree No. 51-2010: Law on Forestry Incentives for Owners of Small Extensions of Land with a Forestry or Agroforestry Vocation. Date of text: 13-02-2010
- Decree No. 68/86 - Law for the protection and improvement of the environment. Date of text: 05-12-1986
- Environmental Pact in Guatemala 2016-2020. Date of text: 01-01-2016

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- National Development Plan K'atun: our Guatemala 2032. Date of text: 01-01-2014
  - Agricultural Policy (2016 - 2020). Date of text: 01-01-2016
  - Agreement No. 236/06 - Regulations for the discharge and reuse of wastewater and the disposal of sludge. Date of text: 05-05-2006
  - National program to combat land degradation, desertification and drought. Date of text: 01-01-2001
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### ● **SOIL RESTORATION: 3**

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- Decree No. 101/96 - Forest Law. Date of text: 02-12-1996
  - Decree No. 2-2015: Law to promote the establishment, recovery, restoration, management, production and protection of forests in Guatemala – PRO-BOSQUE. Date of text: 24-09-2015
  - Decree No. 68/86 - Law for the protection and improvement of the environment. Date of text: 05-12-1986
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### ● **SOIL MONITORING: 3**

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- Decree No. 48/97 - Mining Law. Date of text: 17-07-1997
  - Agreement No. 236/06 - Regulations for the discharge and reuse of wastewater and the disposal of sludge. Date of text: 05-05-2006
  - Decree No. 101/96 - Forest Law. Date of text: 02-12-1996
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### ● **SOIL EROSION: 1**

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- National program to combat land degradation, desertification and drought. Date of text: 01-01-2001
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## ● SOIL ORGANIC CARBON LOSS: 2

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- Decree No. 7-2013: Framework law to regulate the reduction of vulnerability, mandatory adaptation to the effects of climate change and mitigation of greenhouse gases. Date of text: 05-09-2013
  - Decree No. 2-2015: Law to promote the establishment, recovery, restoration, management, production and protection of forests in Guatemala – PRO-BOSQUE. Date of text: 24-09-2015
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## ● SOIL BIODIVERSITY LOSS: 3

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- Decree No. 4/89 - Protected Areas Law. Date of text: 07-02-1989
  - Decree No. 51-2010: Law on Forestry Incentives for Owners of Small Extensions of Land with a Forestry or Agroforestry Vocation. Date of text: 13-02-2010
  - Environmental Pact in Guatemala 2016-2020. Date of text: 01-01-2016
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## ● SOIL POLLUTION: 7

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- Agreement No. 236/06 - Regulations for the discharge and reuse of wastewater and the disposal of sludge. Date of text: 05-05-2006
  - Decree No. 12-2002: Municipal Code. Date of text: 02-04-2002
  - Decree No. 48/97 - Mining Law. Date of text: 17-07-1997
  - Decree No. 7-2013: Framework law to regulate the reduction of vulnerability, mandatory adaptation to the effects of climate change and mitigation of greenhouse gases. Date of text: 05-09-2013
  - Environmental Pact in Guatemala 2016-2020. Date of text: 01-01-2016
  - National Development Plan K'atun: our Guatemala 2032. Date of text: 01-01-2014
  - National program to combat land degradation, desertification and drought. Date of text: 01-01-2001
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As a summary, a table is detailed below in which the public policies mentioned above are displayed and what are the thematic areas with which they are linked:

PUBLIC POLICY	THEMATIC AREA						
	SC	SR	SM	SE	SOCL	SBL	SP
Political Constitution of the Republic of Guatemala.	■						
Decree N° 101/96 - Forest Law.	■	■	■				
Decree N° 2-2015.	■	■			■		
Decree N° 4/89.	■					■	
Decree N° 51-2010.	■					■	
Decree N° 68/86.	■	■					
Environmental Pact in Guatemala 2016-2020.	■					■	■
National Development Plan K'atun: our Guatemala 2032.	■						■
Agricultural Policy (2016 - 2020)	■						
Agreement N° 236/06	■		■				■
National program to combat land degradation, desertification and drought	■			■			■
Decree N°48/97			■				■
Decree N° 7-2013					■		■
Decree N°12-2002: Municipal code							■

SC: Soil conservation; SR: Soil restoration; SM: Soil monitoring; SE: Soil erosion; SOCL: Soil organic carbon loss; SBL: Soil biodiversity loss.; SP: Soil pollution.