



Costa Rica: National Initiatives and the SEEA

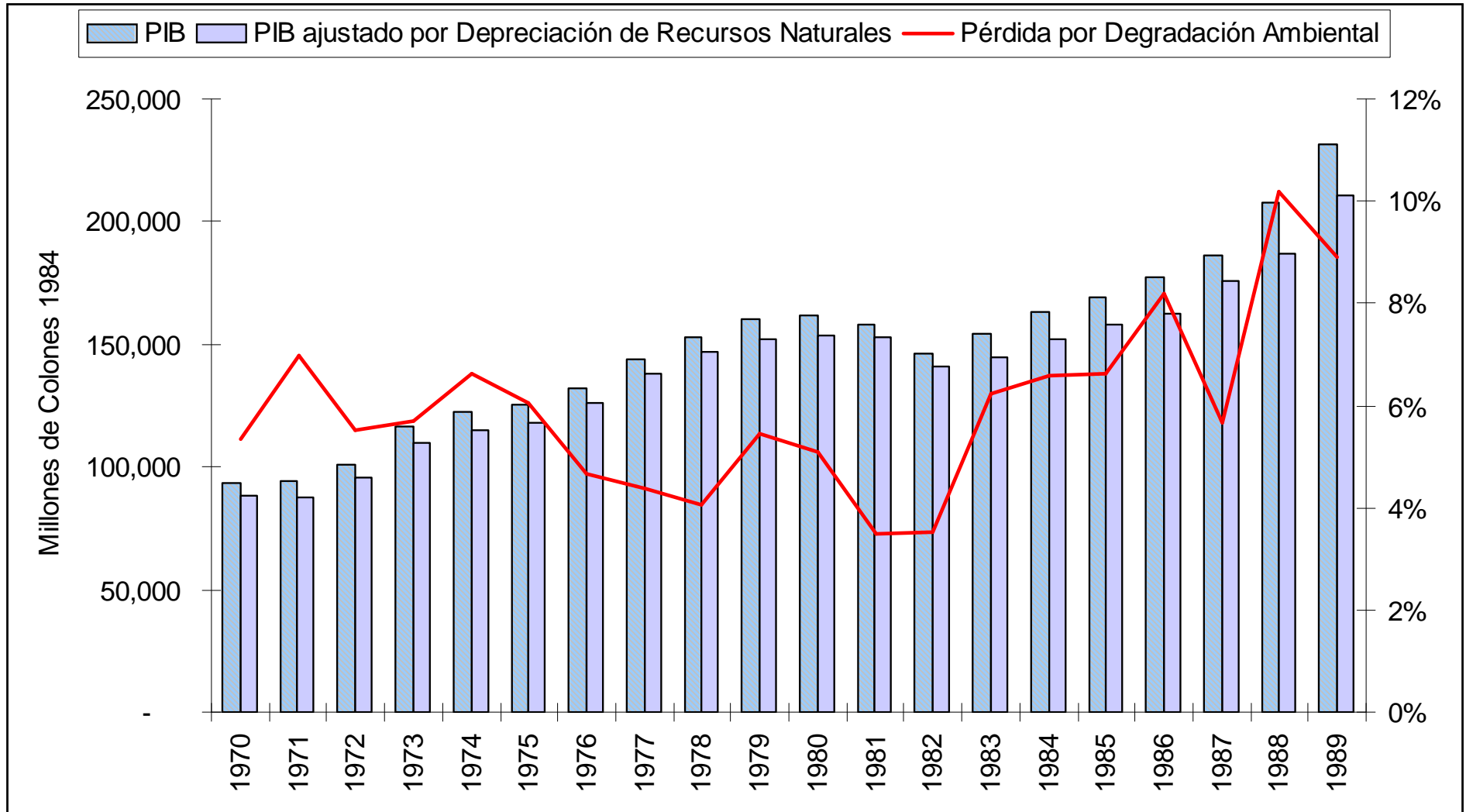
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Previous Experience with Environmental Accounts

- “Accounts Overdue: Natural Resource Depreciation in Costa Rica” (Solórzano et al, 1991), World Resources Institute (WRI) and the Tropical Science Center (CCT)
- “Gastos Ambientales en Costa Rica, 1991-1995” (Barrantes, 1997), Tropical Science Center (CCT), National University (UNA), Central Bank of Costa Rica (BCCR).

GDP and Natural Resources Depreciation (1970-1989)



Source: Solórzano et al (1991)

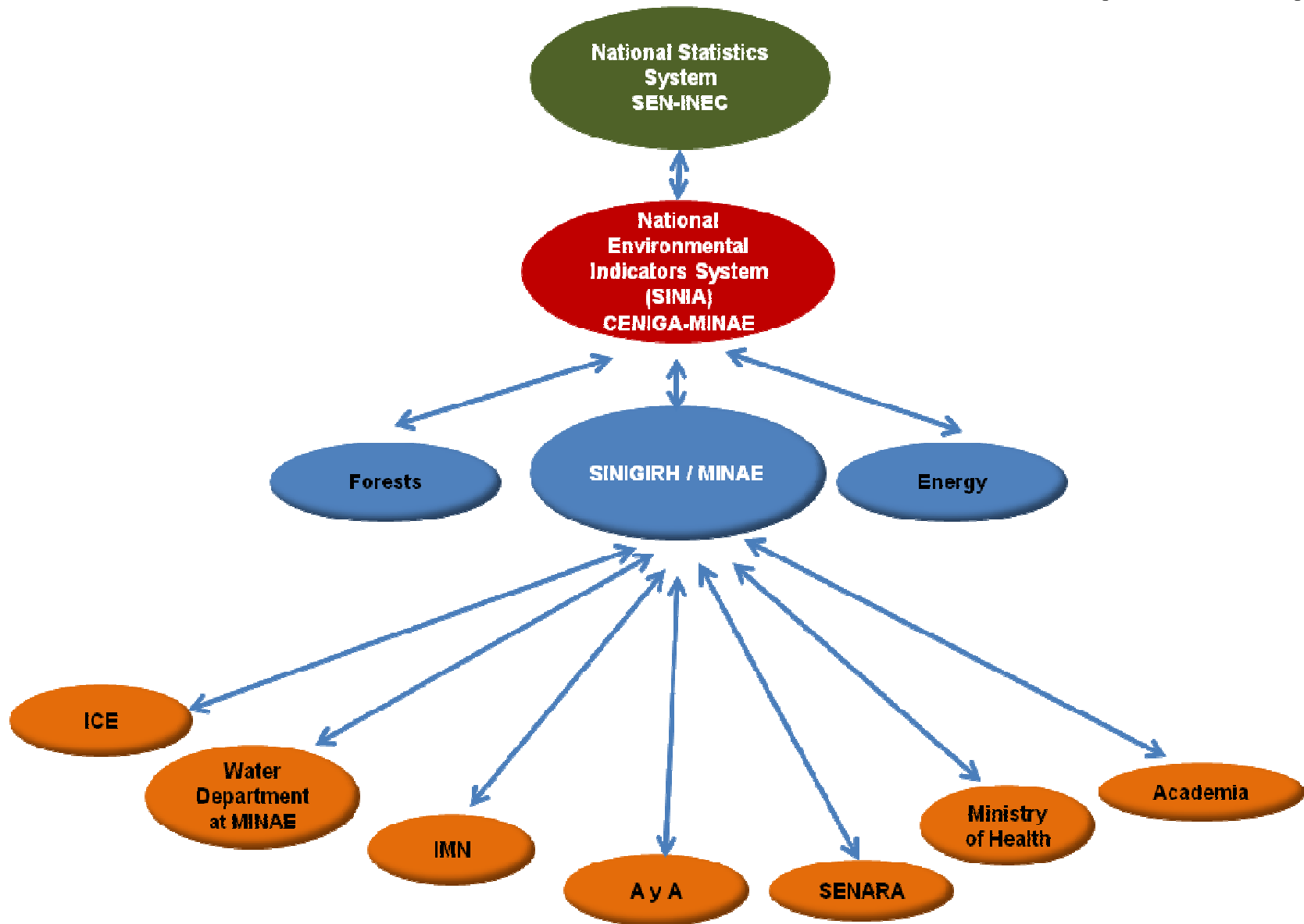
WAVES and Natural Asset Accounts

- Costa Rica is one of the WAVES partners from the developing world
- The work of WAVES-Costa Rica will be based on the development of two natural capital accounts:
 - i) Water Account; ii) Forest Account
- Contribution to
 - National Plan for Integrated Management of Water Resources
 - REDD+ Strategy and the National Plan for Forest Development

Institutional Structure and Coordination

- Steering Committee (SC) for WAVES-Costa Rica: Ministry of the Environment and Energy (MINAE), the Central Bank of Costa Rica (BCCR) and the National Statistics Office (INEC)
- Two Technical Committees (TCs): Water Technical Committee (WTC), Forests Technical Committee (FTC)

Water Technical Committee (WTC)



Forests Technical Committee (FTC)



The Role of Central Bank

- Currently with the CAB 2012 project (2012-2015):
 - New base year for National Accounts (“moving base” method)
 - SNA 2008 implementation
 - Wider scope of NA (new supply/use tables, broader activities classification (ISIC 146) with improved data on exports)
 - Input-Output table
 - Social Accounting Matrix (CGE modeling)
- ENV ACCOUNTS must “adapt” to this process

Central Points: Strategy

- Consolidation of national institutional framework
- Data quality: statistical operations, standardization, data base integration within the NSS
- Capacity building: long term production of environmental-economic statistics and ENV ACCOUNTS
- Work with international organizations (best practices and knowledge sharing)

Plans for moving forward

- Work on an *implementation strategy* with Central Bank, MINAET and INEC
- Closer work with FONAFIFO and SINAC (forest inventory, biodiversity and ecosystems services mapping)
- Coordination with FUNDECOR (Water Fund developed with TNA technical support)
- Discussions with AyA authorities: interest on Water Funds for key catchment areas and work integration with FONAFIFO (“broader” PSA incorporating water tariffs)



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