

# Safe and healthy food for the Americas

Fraternity and commitment between the SENASICA and the Andean Community



53 years to date, the governments of Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru executed the Cartagena Agreement whereby they formed the Andean Community (CAN), whose main goal is fostering development and improving the quality of life of approximately 111 million inhabitants of the region.

Small and medium producers account for 90% of the CAN's workforce, which apart from supplying their domestic markets, export to the world US\$136.5 billion in agro-alimentary products, of which their intercommunity trade accounts for U.S.\$8.8 billion.

This strength is currently threatened by the presence in Colombia and Peru of the FOCT, the most devastating banana disease, which endangers the main sustenance of over 600,000 families in the region.

The SENASICA and the CAN will enter into a Consensus Agreement to form a common front to reduce the risk of introduction and dispersal of quarantine pests to the continent, thus boosting the trade of safe foods between the region's countries.

See more information at: [The Secretariat of Agriculture and the Andean Community propose expanding their technical and scientific collaboration in benefit of the region.](#)