

# Nanofertilizers in the soil and nitrous oxide emissions

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## The technological solution

Synthesize and characterize titanium dioxide, zinc oxide, and zeolite nano-fertilizers to evaluate their effect on fertilization, nutrient use, and nitrous oxide emissions.



## Description

Nanotechnology research applied to sustainable agribusiness. Nano-fertilizers will be synthesized and characterized. Ecotoxicological bioassays and greenhouse and field studies will be carried out to determine edaphic characteristics, biomass, the spectral response of crops and GHG emissions. This project will create a spin-off.



## Results

- Images and histograms with particle sizes of the synthesized nano-fertilizers.
- Publication of scientific paper.
- X-ray diffractograms and XPS spectra.
- Categorization with the environmental impact of nano-fertilizers on a terrestrial organism under laboratory conditions using the mean effective concentration (EC50) of nano-fertilizer evaluated.
- Evaluation of the increased nutrient uptake and the efficiency of plant nutrients with the addition of nano-fertilizers.
- Evaluation of the effect of nano-fertilizers on the soil's physical, chemical, and biological characteristics.
- Publication of scientific paper.
- Evaluation of the increase in biomass production and nutritional quality of crops/vegetation.
- Evaluation of nitrous oxide and soil carbon dioxide emissions in experiments with and without application of nano-fertilizers.



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### ORIGIN OF RESOURCES



● **Counterpart contribution**  
93.177.555

● **FONTAGRO**  
28.989.468

● **IDB**  
9.922.700

● **Other agencies**  
9.809.078

### PARTICIPATION AND ROLE IN CONSORTIUMS SINCE 1998



### FONTAGRO IN NUMBERS

**193** Number of projects approved

**141.9** Approved total amount US\$  
MILLONES

**9.8** Contribution from other agencies  
MILLONES

**32** Benefited countries

**63** Generated technologies

**15** New technologies for ALC

**8** Technology of global relevance

### MEMBER COUNTRIES

