

How has Argentina managed to maintain its image as one of the world's breadbaskets when a full three-fourths of its territory consists of drylands? This was one of the questions raised by the scientists who decided to create the National Observatory on Land Degradation and Desertification this year.

The new observatory in Argentina, which will assess the levels of land degradation and desertification, will be coordinated by the Secretariat of the Environment and Sustainable Development and technical bodies like the National Institute of Agricultural Technology (INTA). María Laura Corso, a technical adviser to the Secretariat's office on soil conservation and the fight against desertification, told IPS that the idea of the observatory grew out of an international project that ended in 2011. (...)

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