

LA PAZ, BOLIVIA: URBAN GARDENS PROMOTION LAW

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THE ACTION AND ITS AIMS: La Paz adopted a new law (LM 321/18) allowing citizens to use public land for urban agriculture on a temporary basis and setting out conditions of access, use and care. The aim is revalorise abandoned public spaces and to facilitate more small-scale family farming in the interests of food security, environmental stewardship, and enhanced biodiversity.

WHEN IT WAS INTRODUCED: The law was adopted in 2018.

WHY IT WAS NEEDED: It was necessary because the 2014 Municipal Food Security Law of La Paz (No. 105/2014) acknowledged the need to strengthen local food supply and encourage urban agriculture, but there was no legal framework for access to public land.

WHO INITIATED IT, WHO IS INVOLVED: The Municipal Secretariat of Environment led on the new law, with the support of the Municipal Food Security Committee, made up of representatives of various municipal secretariats, community associations, NGOs and businesses. Technical specialists are involved in implementing the law, and officers from the municipal executive attend training workshops.



Growing lettuce in urban gardens (Bolivia), Shutterstock/Natallia Ustsinava

IMPACTS TO DATE: No impacts are available as the law is in the process of implementation.

MORE INFORMATION:

- Charter: La Paz' Autonomic Municipal Law No.321
http://wsservicios.lapaz.bo/normativa_externa/ConsultaExternaDocumento.aspx?archivo=2018/LM_7602_2018_00321.pdf

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