

# ACCIÓN

Sustainable Communities  
for Climate Action in the  
Yucatan Peninsula

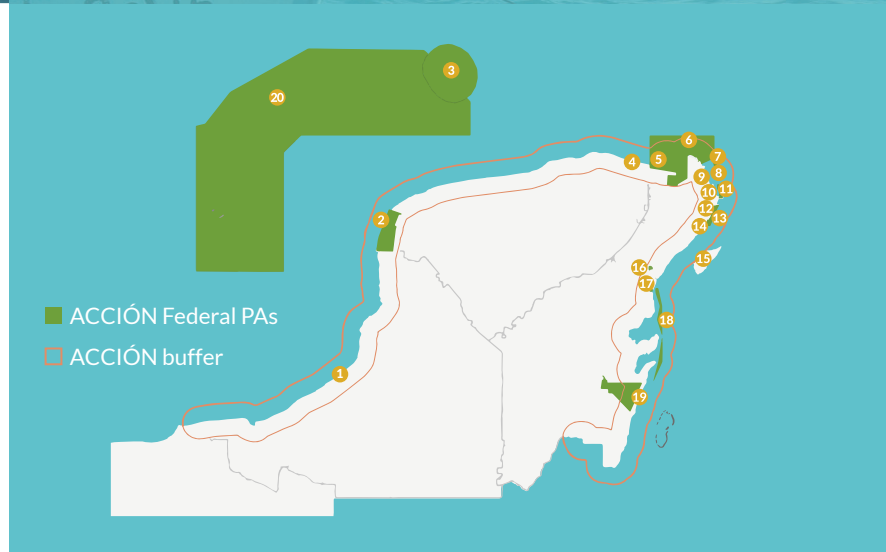


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1. SANT Playa Chenkan
2. RB Ría Celestún
3. Arrecife Alacranes
4. SANT Playa Ría Lagartos
5. APFF Yum Balam
6. RB Tiburón Ballena
7. SANT Playas de Isla Contoy
8. PN Isla Contoy
9. APFF Jacinto Pat
10. APFF San Buenaventura
11. PN Costa Occ. de I. Mujeres
12. SANT Playa Delfines
13. PN Arrecife de Puerto Morelos
14. APFF Manglares de Puerto Morelos
15. APFF Cenote Aerolito
16. APFF Jaguar
17. PN Tulum
18. RB Arrecifes de Sian Ka'an
19. APFF Uayami
20. PN Arrecifes del Golfo de México-Sur

## Objective

ACCIÓN aims to increase the climate resilience of vulnerable communities, ecosystems, and productive systems on the Yucatán Peninsula coasts through ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA) and sustainable livelihoods.



## Background

- **April 2021:** The project's Concept Note was approved by the Green Climate Fund (GCF).
- **June 2022:** The request for Project Preparation Facility (PPF) was approved, enabling preparatory studies and analyses to ensure the final project design is robust and aligned with GCF expectations and requirements.
- **April 2023:** The ACCIÓN project was incorporated into Mexico's Country Program. This inclusion is significant because it ensures the project is aligned with national priorities in climate change and sustainable development and has the necessary governmental support for its implementation.
- **April 2023 - April 2024:** 18 pre-feasibility studies and diagnostics were conducted, which were invaluable inputs for the project design.
- **May 2023 - August 2024:** The proposal was socialized with key stakeholders in the Yucatan Peninsula. A total of 27 socialization exercises were conducted, with 296 people participating. As a result of this process, local stakeholders confirmed that the overall perception of the project is positive.
- **June 2024:** The execution of PPF resources was completed within the established timeframe.
- **July 2024:** The Mexican Fund for the Conservation of Nature (FMCN, acronym in Spanish) received an accreditation upgrade, allowing it to access larger amounts of funding and undertake more extensive projects. Additionally, the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit (SHCP, acronym in Spanish) was informed of the intention to submit the full ACCIÓN proposal in order to obtain its non-objection letter in its capacity as the National Designated Authority to the GCF.
- **August 2024:** A letter of support for the proposal was received from the National Commission of Natural Protected Areas (CONANP, acronym in Spanish).

## Components

- 1 EbA on selected coastal and marine landscapes.** This component will focus on reducing the vulnerability and increasing the adaptive capacity of marine and coastal communities and ecosystems by implementing EbA measures. Actions will include financing subprojects to conserve, restore, and improve productive practices, strengthening community and ecosystem resilience, and establishing early warning systems and monitoring for climate events.
- 2 Ecosystem-based adaptation on coastal and marine protected areas (PAs).** This component will support the MEx30x30 initiative through a long-term financing mechanism to ensure permanent funds for 20 federal PAs vulnerable to climate change. Additionally, under the leadership of the CONANP, the participatory development of five-year plans and associated Annual Operating Plans (POAs, acronym in Spanish) will be financed. These plans will include EbA measures aimed at enhancing the resilience of both communities and ecosystems. Furthermore, funding will complement the implementation of these activities by developing protocols for monitoring and collecting data on ecological conditions and vulnerability in the PAs.
- 3 Sustainable financing for scaling up EbA measures.** This component will focus on securing sustainable financing for long-term EbA implementation. It will work on developing diverse financial mechanisms, including access to new markets, innovative funding sources, and parametric insurance for fishers. It will also support local producer groups and cooperatives in accessing investment opportunities and strengthening their financial capacity.
- 4 Knowledge management and coordination with existing regional public policies and initiatives.** This component will promote knowledge management and coordination between various actors and regional public policies. Coordination mechanisms will be developed and strengthened with multiple actors to facilitate the planning and implementation of EbA measures. Knowledge exchange and the creation of a learning community on EbA activities in coastal and marine areas, with an inclusive and gender-sensitive approach, will also be promoted.

## Next steps

- Receive the non-objection letter from SHCP.
- The project is expected to begin implementation in 2025.

## Allies

### Donor:

- Green Climate Fund (GCF)

### Accredited Agency:

- Mexican Fund for the Conservation of Nature (FMCN, acronym in Spanish)

### Co-executing Agencies:

- Mexican Fund for the Conservation of Nature (FMCN)
- Sureste Sostenible A.C. (SSAC, acronym in Spanish)

### Partners:

- Ministry of Finance and Public Credit (SHCP, acronym in Spanish)
- Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT, acronym in Spanish)
- National Commission of Natural Protected Areas (CONANP, acronym in Spanish)
- Subnational governments of Campeche, Quintana Roo, and Yucatan
- Legally Constituted Local Organizations

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