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Objective

The "Connecting Watershed Health with Sustainable Livestock and Agroforestry Production" (CONECTA) project aims to improve integrated landscape management and promote climate-smart production practices in selected watersheds in the states of Chiapas, Chihuahua, Jalisco, and Veracruz. Mexican Fund for the Conservation of Nature (FMCN) is responsible for fiduciary aspects, and the National Institute of Ecology and Climate Change (INECC) is responsible for technical leadership. CONECTA's financing comes from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) through the World Bank and is implemented from 2021 to 2026.



Map: States where the CONECTA project operates.

Components

1 Development and promotion of integrated landscape management.

The objective is to promote and implement integrated landscape management practices through (i) developing and improving six integrated landscape management instruments in priority watersheds (Integrated Watershed Action Plans, IWAP) and (ii) implementing these instruments through the coordination of public and private programs for a better alignment of actions and investments at the basin level.



- 2 Strengthening business skills for sustainable livestock farming and agroforestry.**
 This component strengthens formal and informal groups of sustainable livestock and agroforestry production to increase their organizational and management capacity.
- 3 Conservation, restoration, and implementation of climate-smart practices in livestock and agroforestry landscapes.**
 This component finances subprojects that cover a variety of activities to increase integrated management of the landscapes of the target watersheds.
- 4 Project coordination, collaboration, and knowledge management.**
 The project facilitates the exchange of knowledge and experiences between selected watersheds, systematically documenting and sharing good practices and lessons learned with beneficiaries and interested parties, as well as other related initiatives.

Achievements

Publication of the **IWAP Río La Antigua**, Veracruz, which covers 217,629 hectares.

Support **16 groups of producers** in implementing sustainable production business strategies.

Restoration/conservation of 9,825.01 hectares with the active participation of 2,657 producers (929 women and 1,728 men) who implement sustainable management practices.

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