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Objective

RÍOS is the first project presented by Mexico to the Green Climate Fund (GCF). It seeks to increase the adaptive capacity of people and ecosystems in watersheds vulnerable to climate change through the restoration of rivers.

RÍOS is financially supported by a GCF grant and complementary funding from the CONECTA project provided by the Global Environment Facility (GEF). The project will be implemented during 2021-2026 and will be led by the National Accredited Agency, Mexican Fund for the Conservation of Nature (FMCN), with the technical leadership of the National Institute of Ecology and Climate Change (INECC) and two regional funds as executing entities: Gulf of Mexico Fund (Fondo Golfo de México) in Veracruz, and FONNOR (Northwestern and western Fund) in Jalisco.



Map: States where the RÍOS project operates.

Components

- 1 Forest and water connectivity for adaptation to climate change.** We work with 13 Legally Constituted Local Organizations (OLLC) to conduct restoration and conservation activities on river banks. Productive reconversion activities are supported to increase the adaptive capacity of the territories associated with production.
- 2 Aligning public and private investments to scale actions in the field.** Public and private investments are leveraged in the territory to reinforce the activities of producers and the sustainable management of natural resources. The development of financing schemes and credit subjects is strengthened to connect small agribusinesses with sustainable financing sources.



3 National River Restoration Strategy (ENRR). Under the leadership of INECC, the Design Committee (DC) for the ENRR was built. The CD comprises nine government institutions at the federal level, and together, they guide the development of the route for the Strategy.

RÍOS

River Restoration for Climate Change Adaptation

PROJECT COMPONENTS

- ① Watershed connectivity and climate change adaptation
- ② Align public and private investments
- ③ National River Restoration Strategy

- ①.1 Subprojects to increase functional connectivity and improve adaptive capacity
- ①.2 Local monitoring

UPPER BASIN	MIDDLE BASIN	LOWER BASIN	4 SUBPROJECT SCHEMES	
●	●	●	1 Grants through Request-for-Proposals	- GCF grants - Leveraged public and private financing
●	●	●	2 Payment-for-Performance (PFP)	- GCF grants - Leveraged public and private financing
●	●	●	3 Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES)	- GCF technical assistance to HES providers and beneficiaries - Leveraged public (CONAFOR) and private (HES beneficiaries) financing *
●	●	●	4 Business Development and Access to Credit	- GCF technical assistance to producers - GCF development of credit lines * - Leveraged private credits



Achievements

1,841 producers who positively impact **1,887 hectares.**

100 public officials in restoration and legislation strengthened their capacities.

500 people participated in the launch of the RÍOS learning community.

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