



## BIODIVER\_CITY - ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERURBAN CORRIDORS

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Half of the population of Costa Rica lives in the San José metropolitan area, whose expansion is causing ecosystem loss. Citizens lack local green spaces for relaxation and recreation, the concreting-over of land causes flooding and erosion, the water quality declines, and vital habitats for flora and fauna are lost. This also has negative impacts on the health of the population, the urban infrastructure and on business sectors at a local and national level. The project is therefore supporting key actors like the Ministry of the Environment in their efforts to integrate ecosystem services and interurban biocorridors into sustainable city planning. The focus here is on frameworks, statutory instruments and tools for urban planning, as well as building up implementation and cooperation capacities for the management of interurban biocorridors. Project work promotes the sharing of innovative approaches and the formation of strategic partnerships in city and biocorridor planning.

### State of implementation/results

- Website Biodiver\_City ([biocorredores.org/...](http://biocorredores.org/...)) and Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/...](http://www.facebook.com/...) inform about progress, events and products of the project..
- Seminar " Rivers without plastic " ("Rios sin plastico") organized together with UNDP, Ministry of Environment MINAE and Ministry of Health MSP (Ministerio de Salud Publica) event to reflect the waste (and sewage) problems of rivers in urban areas [biocorredores.org/...](http://biocorredores.org/...)
- Seminar Urban Soils San José, 12.-13.09.2019: Status Biodiver\_CITY, presentation of experiences gained by the project (in exchange with TU Darmstadt), financing of the participation of relevant partners
- The videos developed to raise awareness about the importance of urban ecosystem services were presented in webinars in the region with other projects financed by BMU, BMZ and donors (EbA Community of Practice: [www.AdaptationCommunity.net](http://www.AdaptationCommunity.net))

## PROJECT DATA

### Country/Countries:

Costa Rica

### Implementing organisation:

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

### Political partner(s):

- Ministry of Environment and Energy (MINAE) - Costa Rica

### Implementing partner(s):

- City of Alajuelita - Costa Rica
- City of Curridabat - Costa Rica
- City of Goicoechea - Costa Rica
- City of La Unión - Costa Rica
- City of Montes de Oca - Costa Rica
- City of San Jose - Costa Rica
- City of Tibas - Costa Rica
- Helmholtz-Zentrum für Umweltforschung GmbH (UFZ)
- National System of Conservation Areas (SINAC) - Costa Rica

### BMU grant:

€ 2,000,000

### Duration:

11/2018 till 10/2021

### Website(s):

<http://biocorredores.org/biodiver-city-sanjose/>

