



MAINSTREAMING BIODIVERSITY INTO THE MEXICAN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

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OBJECTIVE AND ACTIVITIES

The project's objective is the integration of the value of biodiversity and ecosystem services into decision-making and planning instruments of public and private key actors in the Mexican agricultural sector and to gain concrete experiences at the federal level. Jointly with public and private actors, research institutes, FAO and UNEP, instruments for the protection of biodiversity and the promotion of sustainable land use practices will be piloted and integrated into selected agricultural production systems and value chains. Lessons learned, raised from analyses, conceptualisation, and application of positive incentives for the promotion of sustainable land use practices, will be embedded in public policies and in practical examples in the pilot states. This project promotes inter-sectoral dialogue and generates concrete examples for the integration of biodiversity in agriculture, which feed into the international debate.

STATE OF IMPLEMENTATION/RESULTS

- The project advised the Mexican ministry of agriculture (SAGARPA) on the biodiversity integration strategy (www.gob.mx/...), which passed in October 2017. The project will support its implementation.
- First excursions to potential pilot regions took place in order to identify case studies for integrating biodiversity into productive sector both on a small scale, for instance regarding the cultivation of corn, but also into commercial farming processes such as wheat production. Criteria to select pilots were defined based on SAGARPA's biodiversity strategy. The project plans cooperation with the states Oaxaca, Querétaro/Guanajuato, Jalisco and Peninsula

PROJECT DATA

Country:

Mexiko

Implementing organisation:

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

Partner institution(s):

- Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID)
- Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food (SAGARPA) - Mexico
- Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT) - Mexico
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SRE) - Mexico
- National Commission for Research and Utilisation of Biodiversity (CONABIO) - Mexico
- National Commission of Protected Areas (CONANP) - Mexico
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food (SAGARPA) - Mexico
- Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT) - Mexico
- United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment)

BMU grant:

€ 5,000,000

Duration:

12/2016 till 11/2020

Website(s):

<http://www.giz.de/en/html/index.html>

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- With support of the project, the establishment of the “Center for the integration of biodiversity in the SAGARPA” helped to institutionalize the topic “mainstreaming biodiversity into the agricultural sector”. The center is intended to stimulate the intersectoral communication for a sustainable development of the agricultural sector. The Centre will also implement the agreement between the Mexican Ministry of Agriculture and the Mexican Ministry of Environment, under which agricultural subsidies will no longer contribute to the expansion of agricultural land into protected areas and areas with natural vegetation.
- A national meeting of small and medium-sized producers was held with the aim of exchanging and networking on sustainable agricultural practices that promote biodiversity. Decision-makers from the agricultural sector were also invited to the meeting.

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