



PROTECTING AND SUSTAINABLY USING MARINE AND COASTAL BIODIVERSITY IN THE GULF OF CALIFORNIA, MEXICO (BIOMAR)

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This project was enhancing the conservation of biodiversity in coastal and marine areas in the Gulf of California and promoting the sustainable use of biological resources. It worked with the local partners to establish a communication strategy for a concerted approach to preserving the biological resources in the region. It also built the capacities of the protected area authorities, standardising the different systems for monitoring biodiversity, integrating information on climate change into regional conservation activities and promoting networks among the protected area authorities. Special-use zones and 'no-take' zones increased the protected area authorities' scope for action. Incorporating strategic coastal and marine biodiversity conservation principles into sustainable tourism created alternative sources of income, especially for local fisherfolk. Examples of successful local initiatives were compiled to serve as a model and a basis for creating new project activities.

State of implementation/results

- Annual forums were conducted to share lessons learned among the park management authorities. A needs analysis was carried out at the protected area authority CONANP regarding training needs, and the development of corresponding curriculum was initiated.
- Upscaling of 14 successful models for biodiversity protection and sustainable use through 41 initiatives conducted in protected areas.
- So far proposals for usage agreements covering a total of 1.234 kilometers of coastline and 107.268 hectares of coastal zones have been submitted to the coastal area authority.
- Several coordination workshops were conducted for designating special use zones and to foster acceptance among local stakeholders.
- In addition to various training measures in Mexico and Germany, a park director and two regional

PROJECT DATA

Country/Countries:

Mexiko

Implementing organisation:

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

Political partner(s):

- Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT) - Mexico
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SRE) - Mexico

Implementing partner(s):

- National Commission of Protected Areas (CONANP) - Mexico

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Website(s):

<http://www.biomar.org>





directors participated in the World Parks Congress in Australia.

- Development and implementation of a new communications strategy.
- Implementation of workshops in collaboration with fishing cooperations and the protected area authority CONANP to foster certification of sustainable fishing products in seven marine protected areas.
- Strategy Plans for all six cluster of marine protected areas in the Gulf of California were elaborated.
- Elaboration of a joint vision for the Gulf of California by all relevant stakeholders of the environmental sector.

