

Selva Maya Communities preserving a biodiversity hotspot

In the provinces of Quintana Roo and Campeche, the “Route of the Jaguar” (Ruta del Jaguar) has been identified as the territory where the jaguar is common and reproductive.

Within this “Route of the Jaguar”, 6 communities work with FSC certified forests: Caoba, Petcacab, Noh Bec, 20 de Noviembre, Nuevo Becal and Tres Garantías. They have organised themselves into an alliance: La Selva Maya. These communities together manage approximately 67,220.19 hectares of FSC certified forest.

These forest stewards require further support to continue investing in the protection of habitats and keeping the exuberance and benefits their forests give to the planet.

Verified Ecosystem Services



Maintenance of an ecologically sufficient conservation area network

Highlights of this project

1. 46.000 hectares of forests managed for the conservation of habitats
2. 9 species of endangered fauna protected, including jaguars, king vultures, and habitats for important species like the short-toed eagle
3. 232 hectares of river basins protected

Project details

Biodiversity conservation

The population of the jaguar in Mexico in 2018 consists of approximately 4,800. This implies an increase of 800 specimens compared to data derived in 2010. Biological monitoring is an important tool to better understand the dynamics of the jaguar population, which is essential for the conservation of this species. This project has already implemented part of that monitoring in FSC-certified forests.



Untapped potential

FSC-forests in the Oaxaca and Michoacan regions contain many natural water sources, which in some cases supply the entire community with water. Forest engineer Elias Santiago García (Comunidad Ixtlán) says: “Water is life. If we take good care of our forests, we will receive clean drinking water for generations. And we can just pick it up from the forest.”



Would you like to integrate this project into your climate strategy?

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