



CLIMATE PROTECTION PROJECT

XiCO₂e: Durango Forest Project

Protecting and enhancing biodiversity while empowering local communities

GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Type	IFM – Improved Forest Management
Location	Mexico
Project Size	181,000 ha forest cover 328,783 ha total project area
Emission Reduction	250,000 t CO ₂ / year estimated
Project Partners	Ala Bool Trust SA de CV
Standard	<u>Climate Action Reserve</u> , FSC



ABOUT THIS PROJECT

XiCO₂e: The Durango Forest Project, which covers almost 181,000 hectares, aims to maintain and increase carbon storages in local forests. The project area in the Sierra Madre Occidental in the northwest of Durango State is considered a species-rich ecosystem, covering a wide range of temperate forest flora and fauna. Most of Durango's forest land belongs to rural communities known as Ejidos, who rely on it for their livelihoods. Currently, there is a need to prevent illegal logging and continuous forest degradation as well as loss of forest due to natural disturbances.

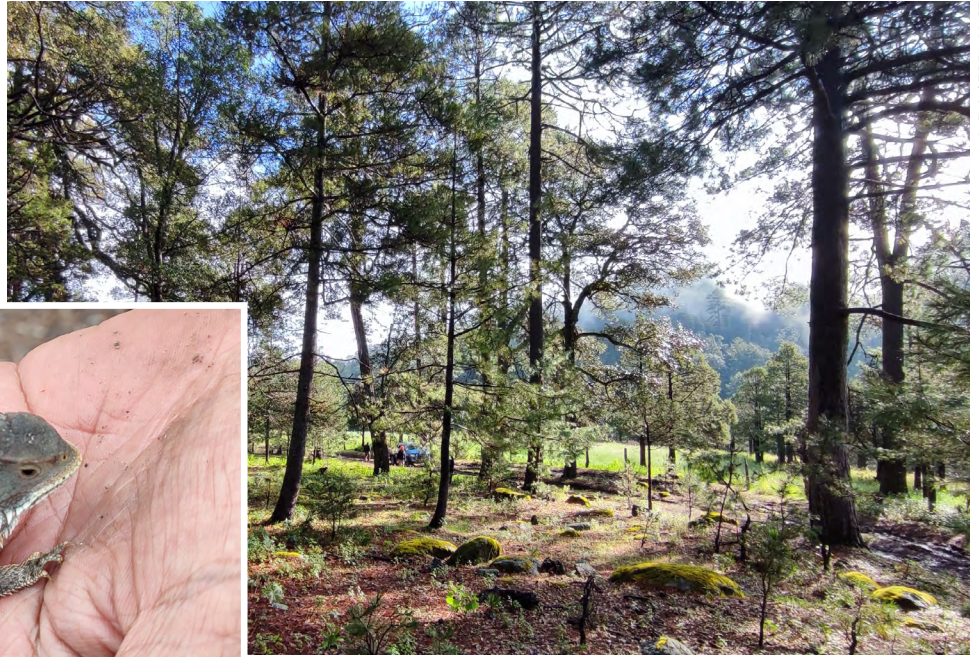
Sustainable forest and ecosystem management promise to benefit the region in economic, social, and environmental aspects. The project aims at the creation of protected areas and the restoration of native vegetation, and providing shelter for new animals and plants. This highly ambitious long-term project is designed to enhance the living conditions of local communities by generating new stable income opportunities.



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OUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Social benefits

- Creation of local employment opportunities
- Community empowerment through active participation in all stages of project development
- Regular trainings and knowledge generation on environmental protection and sustainable forest management
- Enhancing livelihoods of rural households by empowering communities to manage their natural resources in a sustainable manner

Ecological benefits

- Assisted climate change adaptation through improved forest management
- Biodiversity protection and establishment of new habitats
- Conservation of upper basins and hydrological environmental services
- Environmental impact mitigation (e.g. fires, pests, diseases or poor use practices)
- Native vegetation restoration and increased carbon sequestration

This project focuses on the following Sustainable Development Goals:



COMMUNICATION MATERIAL

- Project description
- Project visit is possible
- Background stories
- Pictures