



# Project Example in Mexico

**Purpose:** To strengthen Mexico's forest management.

**Timeframe:** 2012-2017

**IBRD Financing:** US\$ 350 million

**Project ID:** P123760

**Mitigation:** Reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation



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## Forests and Climate Change Project

Mexico's forests play a crucial role for the livelihood of the rural communities and small private holders that own them. They also provide essential ecological services, such as soil and water conservation, carbon sequestration, and habitat preservation. The National Forestry Commission (CONAFOR) was established in 2001 to assist communities and small private owners in developing management plans, restoring degraded areas, planting trees, using non-timber products, and protecting environmental services. CONAFOR operates a range of thematic, community-based incentive programs, collectively known as *Pro-Arbol*.

The project's goal is to support rural communities in Mexico to sustainably manage their forests, build social organization, and generate additional income for forest products and services including the reduction of emissions from deforestation and degradation. By supporting the improvement of Mexico's incentive programs for community forestry and forest-based environmental services, the projects aims to reach 4,000 forest communities and help them increase the area of forests under improved management (from a baseline of 16.4 million hectares) while contributing to sustainable income generation activities. It also aims to help the government reduce net deforestation and forest degradation in selected landscapes.

### More Information:

<http://www.worldbank.org/projects/P123760/mexico-forests-climate-change-project?lang=en>