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Objective

RÍOS is the first project presented by Mexico to the Green Climate Fund (GCF). It seeks to increase the adaptive capacity of people and ecosystems in watersheds vulnerable to climate change through the restoration of rivers.

RÍOS is financially supported by a GCF grant and complementary funding from the CONECTA project provided by the Global Environment Facility (GEF). The project will be implemented during 2021-2026 and will be led by the National Accredited Agency, Mexican Fund for the Conservation of Nature (FMCN, acronym in Spanish), with the technical leadership of the National Institute of Ecology and Climate Change (INECC, acronym in Spanish) and two regional funds as executing entities: Gulf of Mexico Fund (FGM, acronym in Spanish) in Veracruz, and FONNOR (Northwestern and Western Fund) in Jalisco.



Map: States where the RÍOS project operates.

Components

- 1 Increase in forest and water connectivity with a vision of adaptation to climate change through restoration, conservation and better production practices.** It strengthens the capacities of local communities along the Ameca-Mascota watersheds in Jalisco, and Jamapa in Veracruz, to carry out activities that promote ecosystem-based adaptation through river connectivity
- 2 Aligning public and private investments through natural capital valuation to scale river restoration for climate change adaptation.** Coordination between public and private actors is promoted to scale up best practices, aligning local and national restoration and adaptation programs, and connecting national opportunities with local needs. In addition, it contributes to generating a favorable environment to access credit lines for sustainable and climate-resilient production practices in livestock and agroforestry systems.
- 3 Design the guidelines for a National River Restoration Strategy (NRS) for adaptation to climate change.** Under the leadership of the INECC, the Design Committee (DC) for the RRA was built. The CD is made up of nine government institutions at the federal level and together they guide the development of the route for the Strategy.

RÍOS

River Restoration for Climate Change Adaptation

PROJECT COMPONENTS

- ① Watershed connectivity and climate change adaptation
- ② Align public and private investments
- ③ National River Restoration Strategy

- ①.1 Subprojects to increase functional connectivity and improve adaptive capacity
- ①.2 Local monitoring

UPPER BASIN	MIDDLE BASIN	LOWER BASIN	4 SUBPROJECT SCHEMES	
●	●	●	① Grants through Request-for-Proposals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GCF grants - Leveraged public and private financing
●	●	●	② Payment-for-Performance (PFP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GCF grants - Leveraged public and private financing
●	●	●	③ Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GCF technical assistance to HES providers and beneficiaries - Leveraged public (CONAFOR) and private (HES beneficiaries) financing *
●	●	●	④ Business Development and Access to Credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GCF technical assistance to producers - GCF development of credit lines * - Leveraged private credits



Achievements

2,650 producers have positively impacted **1,900 hectares**.

12 subprojects implemented restoration and conservation activities on the banks of rivers, and supported **productive reconversion**.

48 agribusinesses strengthened their financial and administrative capacities.

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