Experiences of implementation of land use actions for reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in Mexico through integrated programs

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The Special Programs constitute institutional efforts that seek to direct resources to specific areas with high rates of deforestation and forest degradation and are prepared in accordance with real local needs.

Currently CONAFOR is implementing three special programs, which are being carried out in areas that correspond to the Early REDD+ Actions: the Special Program for the Lacandona Jungle (PESL), the Special Program for Jalisco Coastal Basins (PECCJ), and the Special Program for the Yucatán Peninsula.
The Special Programs have the following specific characteristics:

a) Their activities are adapted to local needs.

b) They involve a public agent for territorial development (APDT), which allows for integration of the programs at the territorial level and support from other institutions.

c) They promote local governance mechanisms.

d) They change significantly each year based on knowledge acquired in their annual operations; and

e) They represent a pilot experience for the application of instruments, such as the land plan, at the national level.
In the Lacandona Jungle, Chiapas:
Restoration and Reconversion

1.1 Regeneration of Jungles
- Removal of undesirable vegetation
- Reforestation with commercially valuable pioneer species
- Firebreaks

1.2 Restoration of Rivers and Arroyos
- Slope stabilization
- Protection of reforestation

1.3 Diversified Reforestation
- Reforestation with commercially valuable pioneer species
- Maintenance of reforestation.
- Protection of reforestation
- Firebreaks

Conservation
2.1 Payment for Environmental Services

Sustainable forest use:
3.1 Forestry Studies, 3.2 Forestry: Forest cultivation for timber uses, Management practices for non-timber uses, Management practices for wildlife uses

Community forest development:
4.1 Social and human capital building: Participatory rural appraisal, - Preparation and updating of community statutes and internal regulations, - Community land-use planning, - Community-to-community seminars

4.2 Management capacity building
- Specialized technical studies for productive alternatives in forest ecosystems
- Specialized technical studies for the establishment of community conservation areas
- Specialized technical studies for the recovery of areas degraded by anthropogenic stresses or disruptions.