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Policy approaches and positive incentives on issues relating to REDD in developing countries; and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries.

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Objective: to ensure the broadest country participation possible in REDD,

Different national circumstances across countries determine different levels of participation and require targeted, positive incentives to move forward.

Any scheme for the promotion of REDD activities should be progressive and founded upon capacity building, institutional strengthening and the development of technological and financial enabling environments. These aspects should be promoted according to each country's needs and national circumstances.

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Presence of indigenous groups

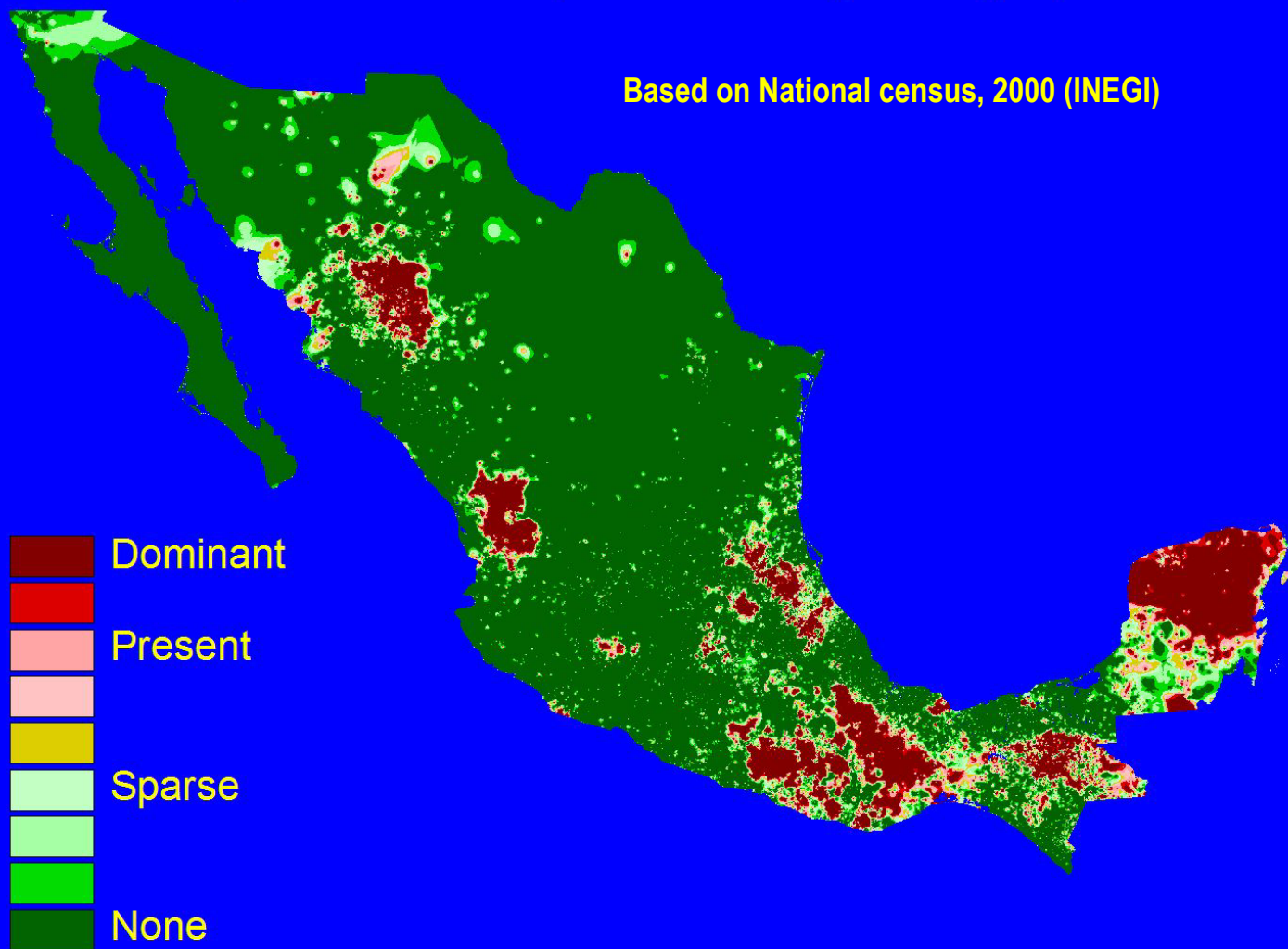


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Spatial variation of presence of indigenous groups

Based on National census, 2000 (INEGI)



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- There is a need for the development of criteria that could shed light on how to configure groupings of countries of similar characteristics that could pursue similar objectives.
- Some identified specific actions where positive incentives are needed for capacity building and institutional strengthening are: monitoring and modeling, data collection and use, ecosystem protection infrastructure, operational needs, public consultations.
- Mexico favors allowing sufficient flexibility to accommodate any financial scheme or source of positive incentives that could cover different countries' needs, according to their national circumstances.

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- Some of the positive incentives identified as relevant to the promotion of REDD activities, as well as of conservation, sustainable management of the forest and other means to increase the forest carbon stock, are:
 - *Financing for capacity building.* There is need for support for capacity building at the individual, institutional and systemic level, during all stages of REDD activities: readiness, implementation and/or market development.
 - *Technological and technical cooperation.* National technology development and deployment as well as North-South and South-South technology transfer and technical cooperation should be included as assessment criteria.

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- *Participation in the carbon market.* The CDM, as it currently stands, does not seem to be the most convenient tool for promoting REDD activities.
 - ✓ A need exists for an in-depth analysis on how to best integrate REDD into the carbon market.
 - ✓ We consider that the AWG-LCA should recognize the importance of the carbon market for the deployment of REDD activities.
 - ✓ Discussions on how to appropriately integrate REDD activities within this market should be conducted in the context of the Second Review of the Kyoto Protocol.

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- Funding mechanisms will play a critical role for activities which need non-return funds in order to be deployed, such as capacity building, institutional strengthening, conservation, sustainable management of the forest carbon and other means to increase the forest carbon stock.

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Mexico also considers that early actions undertaken by developing countries on the issue of REDD, should be recognized and rewarded with positive incentives from any financial scheme.

With regard to institutional arrangements, there is a need to integrate the work of relevant agencies, multilateral banks and diverse mechanisms relevant to REDD, in order to combine efforts, avoid duplication, assure consistency, guarantee fund source coordination and the provision of a single REDD platform.

In short, we need to reinforce our capacities to advance in these areas and Mexico considers that the provision of positive incentives could favor the strengthening of national capacities.