

***Title: Conservation of the Lachuà National Park and its buffer zones.
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Evaluation Team: external

Year: 1999

organisations and people's active participation, and improved local living conditions

IUCN area of specialisation: Protected Areas

Geographical area: Guatemala

Donors: Netherlands (DGIS) through IUCN and the Government of Guatemala through the National Forest Institute (INAB)

Overall project cost: US\$194,800 (national contribution) and US\$ 1,957,664 (international contribution) over five years

Type of evaluation: Midterm Evaluation

Objectives of evaluation:

- Review project achievements relative to expected goals, results and indicators;
- Review and evaluate the goals, the strategy for project implementation and assigned resources;
- Evaluate the relationships between actors/stakeholders involved in the project (IUCN, INAB, Foundation Solar, Netherlands Embassy);
- Evaluate the quality and relevance of project reports.

Methodology: Review of project documents, biannual reports and publications. Visits, interviews, meetings with key people and institutions involved in the project. SWOT analysis exercise done with staff project.

Findings:

- 1) ***Relevance:*** The evaluation confirms the importance of Lachuà National Park because of its natural richness and biodiversity and its location within a fragile area requiring greater attention and involvement from local organisations.
- 2) ***Strategy:*** The project's mission lacks an integrated strategy that enables the technical team to

the area. The project should emphasise the lessons learned from an institutional, technical and social point of view in order to take appropriate action to overcome obstacles within the communities.

- 4) The evaluation committee should carefully analyse the project's niche to determine the best institutional context to ensure the conservation and the biodiversity protection of Lachuà National Park as well as the upholding of the forest reserve.

Language of evaluation: Spanish

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