

Title: Conservation of the coastal ecosystems of the Gulf of Fonseca, Nicaragua- Honduras- Salvador (PROGOLFO), Evaluation report, DANIDA, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, March 2000

Evaluation Team: external

Year: 2000

Objectives of the project:

Integrated management and development coastal ecosystems and natural resources of the Gulf of Fonseca, including:

- Reduce environmental degradation and pollution;
- Enhance the availability and management of natural resources;
- Resolve conflicts between users and environmental management problems; and
- Secure access to and use of natural resources for the population groups around the Gulf who depend on these resources.

IUCN area of specialization: Marine and Coastal areas

Geographical area: Central America (Nicaragua, Honduras, and El Salvador)

Donors: DANIDA, IUCN and the Comisión Centro Americana del Ambiente y del Desarrollo (CCAD)

Type of evaluation: Review Report

Objectives of evaluation:

- Describe the project's progress and if necessary, adjust the project to better meet its objectives; and
- Clarify proposals for solving of accumulated project problems.

Methodology:

The review was conducted in accordance with the DANIDA's guidelines for evaluations. Data collection methods included a review of project documents, interviews and meetings with members of international

Recommendations

Among the recommendations of the review team, the following is highlighted:

- 1) The project strategy should be modified to help the implementing agencies refocus project activities on the main objectives. It is important to have a common understanding and knowledge of the principles and approaches of integrated coastal management amongst staff, so that sound criteria for the preparation of project working plans may be established. The involvement of local communities in the development of management strategies is an essential step towards the implementation of the project.
- 2) Capacity building should continue to be built within key line agencies and local authorities in charge of day-to-day management of resources in the Gulf Fonseca

Language of evaluation: Spanish

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