

**FINAL REPORT
MID-TERM REVIEW**

Agroforestry Landscapes and Sustainable Forest

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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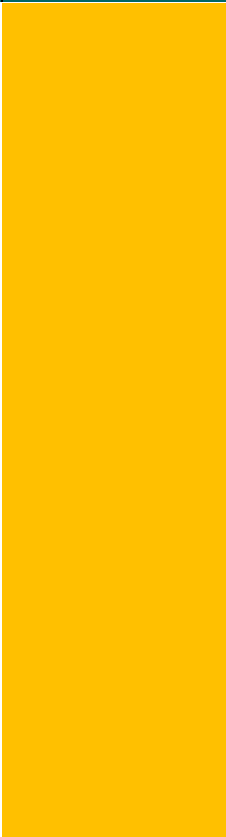
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MU
MiAmbiente+
MS
MTR
MUPILH
NIM
OCP
NGO
ONILH
OPEV
PO
IP
PES
PIF
PIR
POA
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PROCACAHO
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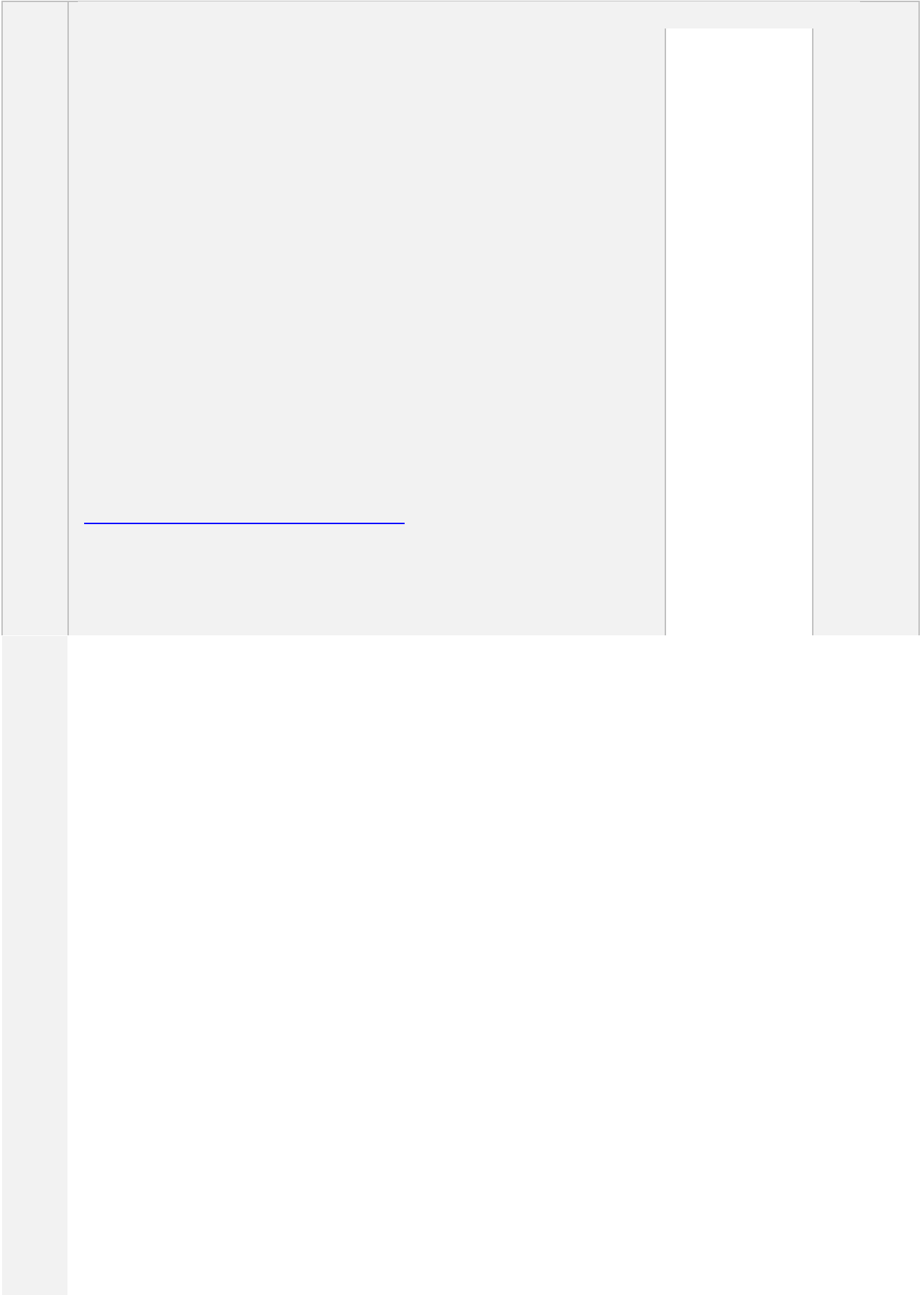
Summary of Recommendations



CRITERIA	RECOMMENDATION	RESPONSIBLE	WHEN

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Recommendation 12

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Purpose and objectives of the MidTerm Evaluation

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2.1 Development Context

Environmental, socioeconomic, institutional, and political factors relevant to the objective and scope of the Project

	<i>decision-making for the reconciliation of biological corridors and PAs</i>
Outcome 2:	<p>8. <i>Sequestered carbon (tCO2 eq) through the implementation of landscape management tools [LMTs] (biological micro corridors, forest enrichment, live</i></p> <p>9. <i>Area (ha) of improved connectivity in 13 prioritized biological areas by project end.</i></p> <p>10. <i>Area (ha) affected by fires annually</i></p> <p>11. <i>Area (ha) of forest in private reserves under sustainable management</i></p>
Outcome 3:	<p>12. <i>Annual net income (USD) per producer and gender and derived from: a) coffee under agroforestry and b) cocoa under agroforestry.</i></p> <p>13. <i>Number of families with access to credit and environmental incentives to promote sustainable and biodiversity-friendly practices, including the improvement</i></p>

Strengths and weaknesses of Biological Corridors in confronting habitat fragmentation

2.4 Project Implementation Mechanisms

Brief Description of the Project Steering Committee

Agreements with the principal implementing partners

2.6 Main actors



Table 5. Main actors contributing to CONECTA+

Actor	Role

Source:



Table 6. Findings of the analysis of Results Indicators from the 2021 PIR

Indicator	SMART	Suggestions
		
		

- *Integrating Value Agroforestry Systems with Cocoa in Honduras²⁵*
- *Promotion of agribusiness initiatives to improve the productivity and competitiveness of cocoa producers in the Mayan corridor ²⁶*
- *Project to improve income and employment for cocoa producers-PROCACAHO*

JC 1.3-

JC 1.4-The Project design considered linkages with other interventions either currently being implemented or planned *(at the national/local level)*.

1.4.1- Degree of complementarity with other national/local level interventions in Honduras.

JC 1.5 Project design and actions are consistent with national priorities to reverse ecosystem fragmentation, biodiversity loss, and land degradation in the aridumid biological corridor of southwestern Honduras.

1.5.1 Level of coherence of the Project Strategy (and its activities and products integrated into the results chain) with national priorities (public policy, plans) from the environmental, social, and economic perspective.

*Effectiveness of the National Ecological Infrastructure and the Sustainable Use of Productive and Marine Landscapes and Sectors, Program 9: Management of the Human-Biodiversity Interface
Flows of Ecosystem Services from Forests, Including Dry Land*

*Improve Financial Sustainability and Management
Incorporation of the Conservation of Biodiversity
Generation of Sustainable
Management and Restoration of the Landscape,
Maintained*

Forest Resources: Reduce pressures on high conservation value forests by addressing the drivers of deforestation

Resultsmatrix and logical framework

JC 1.6 The results *outcomes*

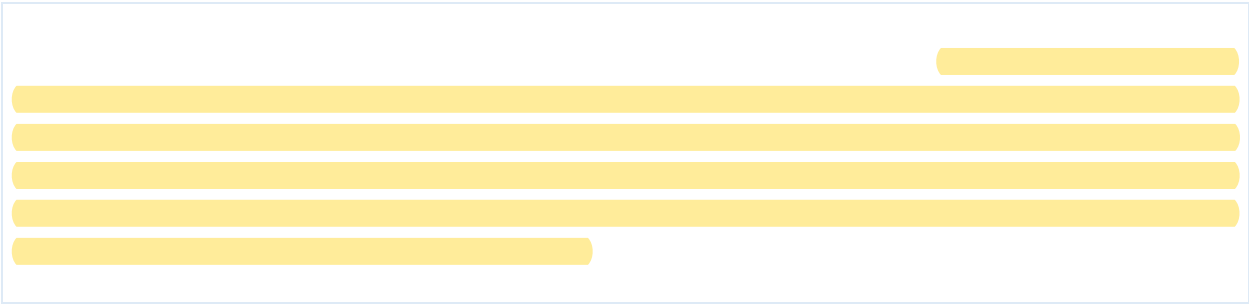
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- If we are not measuring a project's outcomes, then it is not possible to determine whether we were successful in achieving expected impacts, or if we failed. If we can't measure success, we can't reward it, and if we can't reward success, we are probably rewarding failure. If we cannot see success, we can't learn from it, and if we can't recognize mistakes, we can't correct them. Finally, if we cannot demonstrate the expected effects that our project set out to achieve, key actors unlikely to have the necessary confidence required to sustain the interventions (adapted from Kusek and Rist 2004).

3.2 Progress toward achieving the expected results

A.



B. Narrative and evidence supporting the Finding for EQ2

Analysis of the progress toward the expected results

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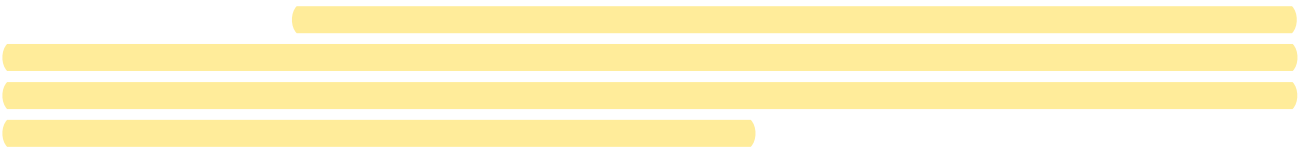
2.2.1 Data and narrative of the achievement of at least 80% of the goals established for the medium term in the framework of expected results of the CONECTA+

Strengthened local and national governance for the dry-humid biological corridor with emphasis on PAs and production systems to contribute to the conservation of biodiversity and its sustainable use,

Outcome 1:

Figure 8. Advances toward indicator 12³

Figure 9.



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3.6.3 Level of internalization by stakeholders of the lessons derived from the adaptive management process

3.7.4 # of knowledge management products developed/approved that adequately integrate cross-cutting issues (Gender, Human Rights, CC, Indigenous Communities)

3.5 Sustainability

A. Response to EQ 4

EQ 4: To what extent are there financial, institutional, socioeconomic and/or environmental risks to sustaining the project's results in the long term?

4.1.1.e Potential sociopolitical risks to sustainability and recommended mitigation measures

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6. Progress towards Results

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11. Sustainability.

4.2 Recommendations

Recommendation1: *As a matter of urgency,*

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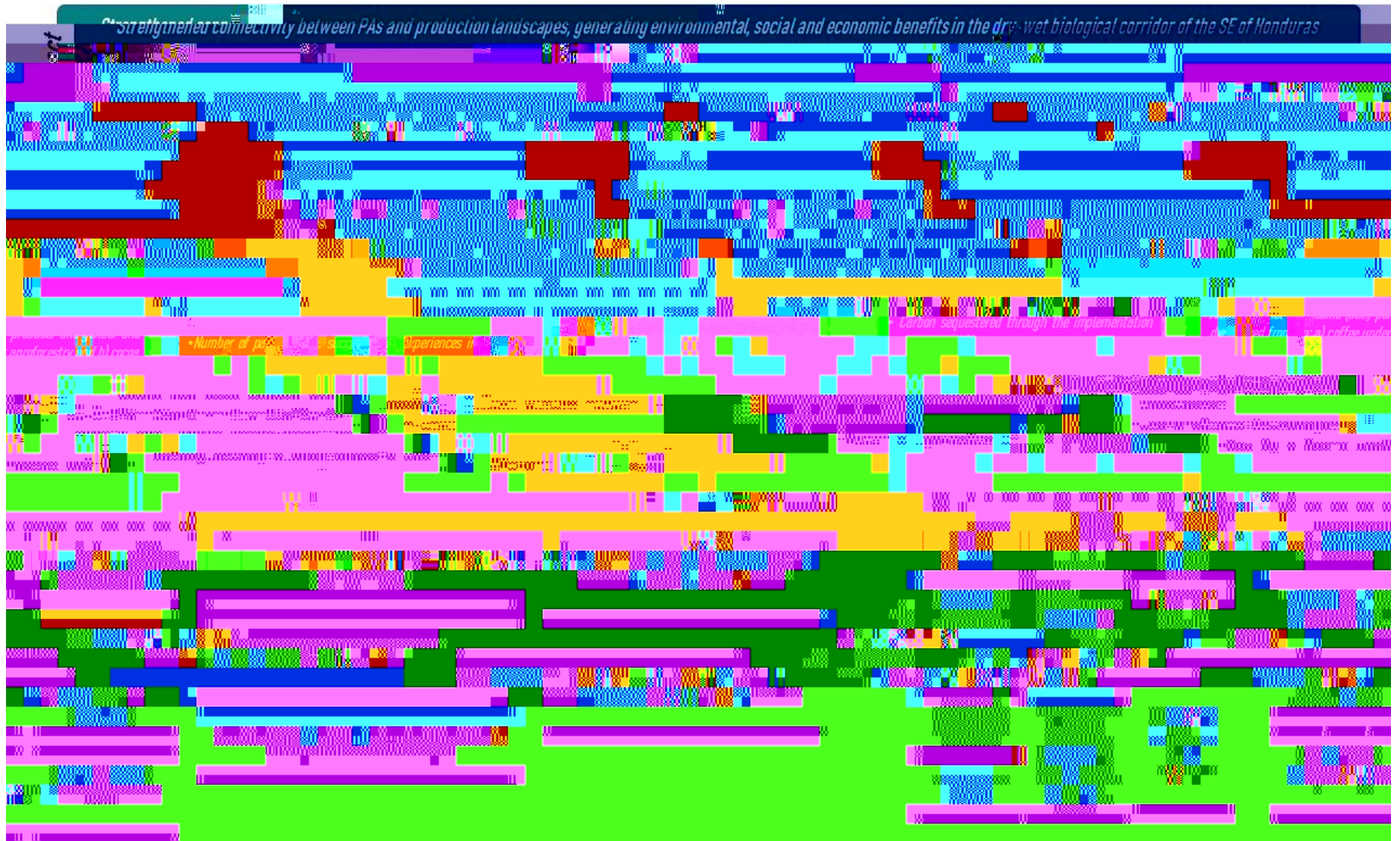
Resultado 1:

Resultado								
2:								
Etc.								



6. CRONOGRAMA DE EJECUCIÓN

Annex 2:Reconstructed Theory of Change



Annex 3: MTR evaluation matrix (evaluation criteria with questions, indicators, data sources and key methodology)

Evaluation Criteria- Categories of Progress	Evaluation Questions
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Evaluation Criteria- Categories Progress	of Evaluation Quesitons (EQ)	Judgment Criteria	Indicators	Interview Questions	SourcesMet hodology
	<p><i>far? To what extent do project-level monitoring and evaluation systems, project reporting and communications support project implementation?</i></p>				

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	<p><i>EQ 4: To what extent are there financial, institutional, socioeconomic and/or</i></p>				

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PROGRESS TOWARD ACHIEVING THE EXPECTED RESULTS

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SUSTAINABILITY

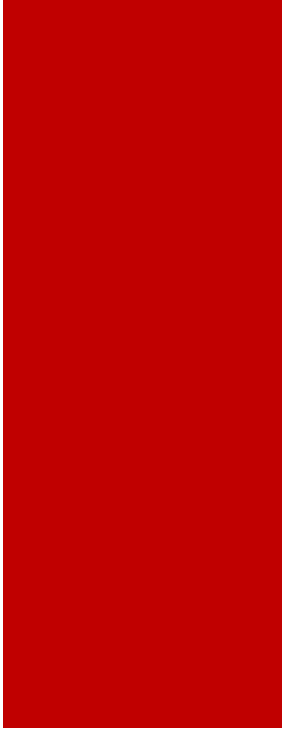
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ANNEX 5a: Results Matrix

1. Number of people directly benefiting from strengthened livelihoods (differentiated by gender) through solutions for management of natural resources and ecosystems services	-Direct: 0 -Indirect: 0	4,596 total 3,458 men 1,138 women	Direct: 8,052 (5,592 men, 2,460 women)	Direct: 16,103 (11,184 men, 4,919 women)	Total 13,366 9162 men 4202 women	While the number of people who directly benefitted from the project, there is no evidence that these economic benefits have improved biodiversity in the corridors.
2. Presence of key indicator species in PAs and biological corridors	- (<i>Pharomachrus mocinno</i>) - (<i>Setophaga chrysoparia</i>) - (<i>Puma concolor</i>) - (<i>Leopardus pardalis</i>) - (<i>Leopardus wiedii</i>) - (<i>Puma yagouaroundi</i>)					

connectivity between their farms and PAs		1,752 agreements on sustainable practices with farmers.			479.04 ha of cocoa. Agreements on sustainable practices with farmers: 2,208.	improved. The lack of follow-up monitoring on target species and the METT for the past 9 years supports this finding, as does interviews with numerous stakeholders and site visits.
1.1 Number of biological corridors legally recognized as a result of the implementation of the regulation for establishing biological corridors	0	<p>- Initiated the digital mapping of 5 biological corridors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reserva de Biosfera Cacique Lempira Señor de la Montañas. • Joya de los Lagos • Reserva del Hombre y Biosfera 				





by the project) with resources derived from the private production sector; c) Financial sustainability strategy for 15 PAs that articulates the biolog-



indigenous peoples, youth and women in horizontal governance processes.





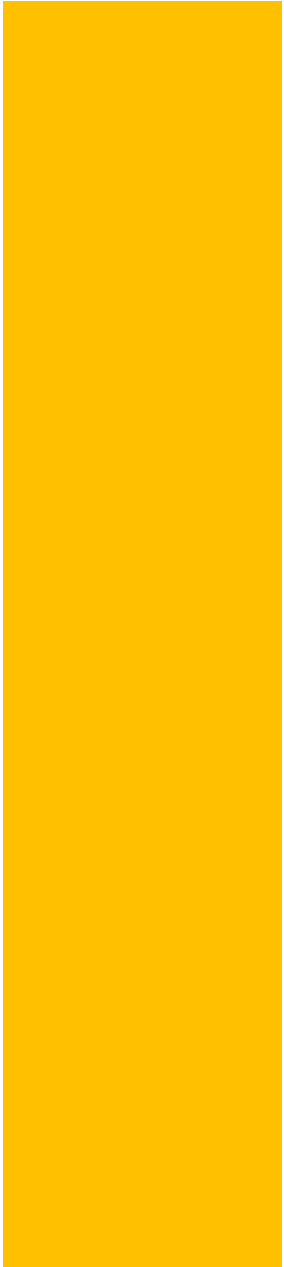
program in the project areas (national, community, and municipal forests) with community participation.

Due to the mobility restrictions imposed by Covid-19, the training program was not implemented and had to be reprogrammed.

Project interventions and it is possible that a combination of factors such as the COVID pandemic and extremely wet 2020 that experience two hurricanes might explain the low number of fires. This is supported by recent data from ICF an NOAA LANDSAT/MODUS satellite images that indicate that fires in the area increased by over 100% in the first quarter of 2022 (see Figure in the main report). The FAO has suggested (and the ET agrees completely)

<p>3.1 Annual net income (USD) per producer and gender and derived from: a) coffee under agroforestry and b) cocoa under agroforestry.</p>	<p>-Men (2ha/family) a. 1197 b.383 Women (2ha/family) a. 1078 b. 344</p>	<p>The Project has identified and initiated actions in a total of 6,657.88 ha through landscape management tools.</p>	<p>-Men (2ha/family) a. 1557 b.696 Women (2ha/family) a. 1464 b. 655</p>	<p>-Men (2ha/family) a. 2595 b.1161 -Women (2ha/family) a. 2543 b. 1138</p>	<p>To date the project has supported over 2000 families (2911 men and 3883 women) with coffee. For cacao, 648 men have benefitted and 748 women, The analysis of income of each family needs to be estimated. The project is in process of hiring a value chain specialist to support this analysis. Results are expected by the fourth quarter of 2021.</p>	
<p>3.2 Number of families with access to credit and environmen-</p>						

						<p>people who have worked with Heifer before the CONECTA+ project began.</p> <p>No benefits were identified to have measurably improved the resilience of ecosystem services in the area of CONECTA's influence. According to interviews with at least 10 key informants, the Project has directed the economic benefits to a select group of beneficiaries, and serious deficiencies are perceived in the scope of the expected social and environmental benefits, and this is mainly due to the absolute absence of guidelines to integrate the environmental dimension (mainly the restoration of corridors and ecosystem resilience) in Agreements between the responsible partners and the project.</p>



						strengthening any biological corridor that the project addresses.
4.2 Number of replications of agroforestry systems using LMTs that strengthen one local biological corridor not covered by the project	0	This activity is planned to start in 2021.	4	10	This activity is expected to begin in the first quarter of 2022 and be supported by the project team and responsible parties, including the communications specialist.	The MTR could not find documented evidence of replications of agroforestry systems using LMTs to strengthen a biological corridor.

Annex 6: MTR Mission Itinerary

Dates	MTR CONECTA+. Chronogram of Activities(2021-2022)
November to December 2021	PHASE 1: Inception Phase

Annex 9:Cofinancing Table

This delay has been completely outside the control of the evaluation team and has significantly held up the finalization of the MTR Report.

Advances reported with Cofinancing (as of March 2022)				
Institution/organization	Cofinancing in ProDoc (\$)	Contribution by Institution/organization (\$)	Contribution by key actors(\$)	Total Contribution (\$)

Anexo 10: Formulario del Código de Conducta del UNEG firmado

Los evaluadores/consultores:

Annex 11 Signed MTR Final Report Approval Form

(to be completed by CO and UNDP GEF Technical Adviser based in the region and included in the final document)

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