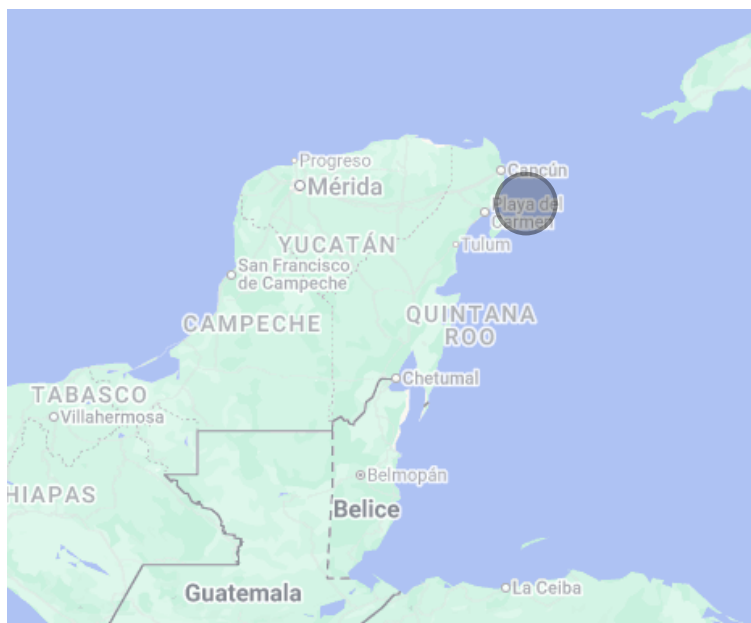
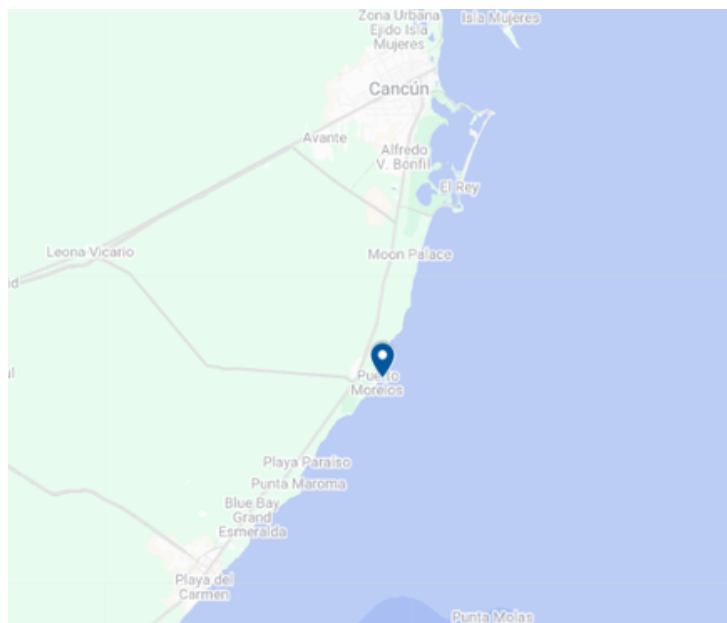


Conservation and restoration of marine-coastal ecosystems of Arrecife de Puerto Morelos National Park



Location of the National Park Arrecife de Puerto Morelos



Arrecife de Puerto Morelos National Park

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COUNTRY

México

COASTAL MARINE PROTECTED AREA (CMPA)

Arrecifes de Puerto Morelos National Park (PNAPM)*

MANAGER

National Commission of Natural Protected Areas (CONANP)*

CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION (CSO)

Flora, Fauna y Cultura de México, A.C. (FFCM)*

DURATION:

August 2024 - August 2027.

* Acronyms refer to the names of the organizations in Spanish

PROJECT SUMMARY:

The project seeks to strengthen the PNAPM management actions and increase the area devoted to coral reef and coastal dunes restoration, with a focus on climate change adaptation and the active participation of various social sectors.

The technical capacities of park rangers and their allies will be improved to comply with PNAPM regulations, through the use of innovative technologies for surveillance, legal strengthening, and the exchange of experiences with other MAR CMPAs.

The health status of marine-coastal ecosystems and the efficiency of coral reef and coastal dunes restoration strategies will be evaluated. This process will allow participatory planning of new strategies and increase the area intervened for restoration.

In addition, a massive environmental education campaign will be carried out through social media networks, local media, and in-person events to inform the population about the importance of conserving the PNAPM's marine-coastal ecosystems.

REACH

Protected area
9,066.63 hectares



Number of
beneficiaries
50



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KEY TOPICS AND ACTIVITIES

CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

- Increase the technical and equipment capacities of park rangers, brigade members, community watchmen, and government institutions to improve the supervision and surveillance of the CMPA.
- Assess the health of coral reef and dune ecosystems, the efficiency of previous restoration efforts, and develop restoration protocols.
- Restore reefs and coastal dunes with climate change adaptation measures and nature-based solutions with community participation.
- Implement sea turtle conservation actions in coordination with hoteliers, users of the Federal Maritime Land Zone, and brigade members.

STRENGTHENING AMONG KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND GOVERNANCE

- Design and implement a citizen science program in collaboration with the protected area advisory council and develop a large-scale environmental campaign.
- Hold events with CMPA staff and MAR allies to exchange experiences and address priority issues.
- Strengthen collaboration with government institutions and civil society in surveillance and restoration actions.



The project "Protection of Maritime Resources in Central America III (Phase III)" represents a joint and ongoing effort to strengthen the effective management of marine and coastal protected areas of the Mesoamerican Reef System. With the financial support of the German Cooperation through KfW, and the active participation of local managers and implementers, this regional effort strengthens the protection of key ecosystems and the benefits they provide to communities. Learn more:

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