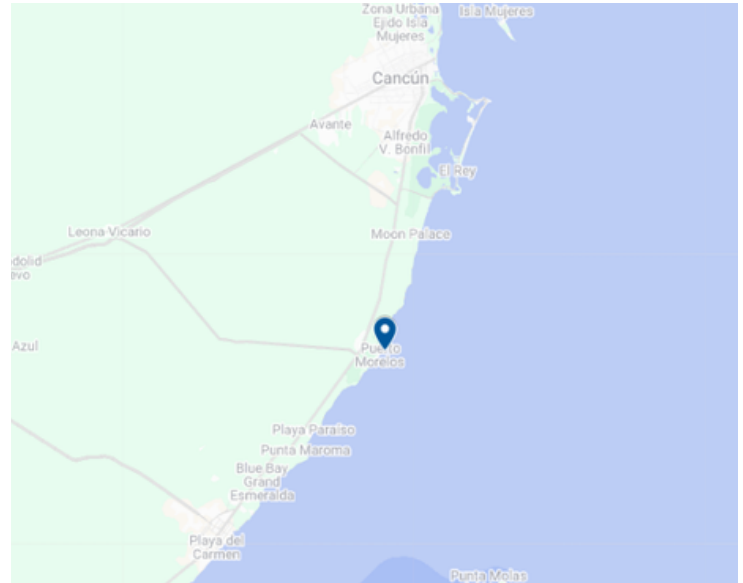


PROTECTION OF MARITIME RESOURCES IN CENTRAL AMERICA III (PHASE III)

The Phase III project represents a joint effort to strengthen the effective management of coastal and marine protected areas of the Mesoamerican Reef System. With financial contribution from the German Cooperation through the KfW, and the active participation of managers and co-managers of the CMPAs, this regional initiative enhances the protection of strategic ecosystems and contributes to sustaining the benefits they provide to local communities.



Location of the National Park Arrecifes de Puerto Morelos



Arrecifes de Puerto Morelos National Park

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CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION OF MARINE-COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS OF ARRECIFES DE PUERTO MORELOS NATIONAL PARK

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.
Reach	9,066 hectares of protected area and 50 beneficiaries

* Acronyms refer to the names in Spanish

PROJECT SUMMARY



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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.

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.



FORTALECIMIENTO ENTRE ACTORES CLAVE Y GOBERNANZA

- 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.

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