

GEF PROJECT - ID 5135

"Protecting Biodiversity and Multiple Ecosystem Services in Biological Mountain Corridors in Chile's Mediterranean Ecosystem".



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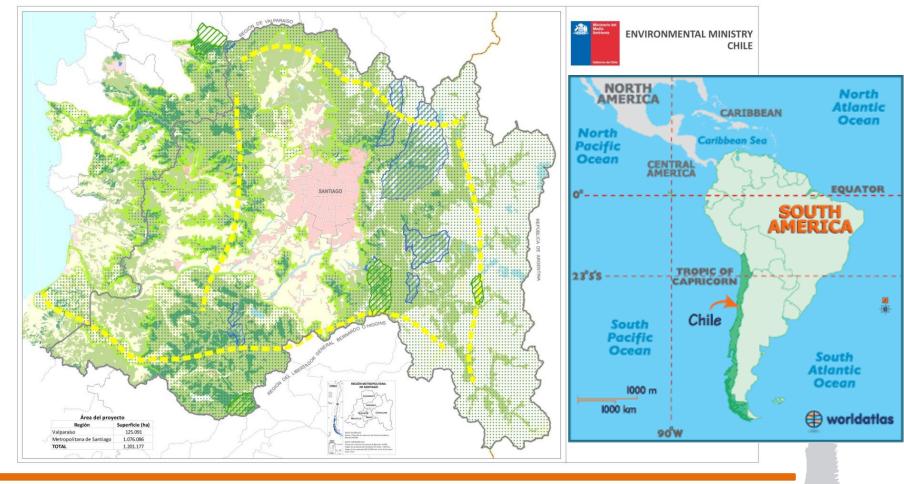
Designing public and private activities for knowledge management in biodiversity and ecosystem services in Mediterranean mountain ecosystems, along with the mainstreaming in productive activities for rural mountainous areas.



Protegiendo la Biodiversidad y Múltiples Servicios Ecosistémicos en Corredores Biológicos de Montaña, en el Ecosistema Mediterráneo de Chile

PROJECT AREA

- Central Zone of Chile. 36 municipalities envolved
- Total Area: 1,200,000 ha aprox.



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Why it is important to conserve?



Reasons:

- ✓ Hotspots of biodiversity "Chilean Matorral". Semi-arid ecosystem
- $\checkmark\,$ This zone concentrate up to 50% of the country's population.
- \checkmark The hydrologic regime comes mainly (60%) from snow and glaciers.
- ✓ Mountains provide 90% of drinkable water for Santiago and irrigation for agriculture.
- ✓ Vulnerable to climate change effects 15-25% water reduction estimated by 2050.

PROJECT'S COMPONENTS

Component 1:

Developing capabilities in local environmental governance and knowledge management in biodiversity conservation and sustainable <u>use land</u>.

Component 2:

Implementation and promotion of good practices for the landscape sustainable managemnet helping to the biodiversity and ecosystem services conservation.

Component 3:

Implementation of a Integrated Distrital Plan for the conservation of soil, water and forest into a large scale pilot site.

Good practices for managing livestock in the Chilean Mediterranean Mountains Component 1

Conservation District will contribute to the sustainability of the territory and will be implemented with the participation of graziers

Component 3

The Conservation District will activate subsidies from the State for productive development on livestock breeding The graziers incorporate in their management **valuable knowledge in** forest, soil and biodiversity conservation.

GOAL

Through training, education and awareness programs will improve capabilities of traditional graziers and will empowering them on the necessity to conserve biodiversity and ecosystem services

Standards of good practice for mountain such

as reducing the carrying capacity of cattle on grasslands and practicing rotational grazing. information collected will allow the development of a mountain land use planning with recommendations of uses

Component 2

Land management plans with actions to promote good practices in livestock breeding



We need to solve environmental conflicts graziers-wildlife (puma attacks) Improve awareness about the impacts on hunting of protected species.

Reduce pressures over Guanaco (*Lama guanicoe*)



Reconstitute the natural food chain in the mountain corridors

Develop tourism around to the Guanaco as an alternative income.





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