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Economic Valuation of Ecosystem Services to Strengthen Integrated Landscape Management in Selected Watersheds in Mexico

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Context

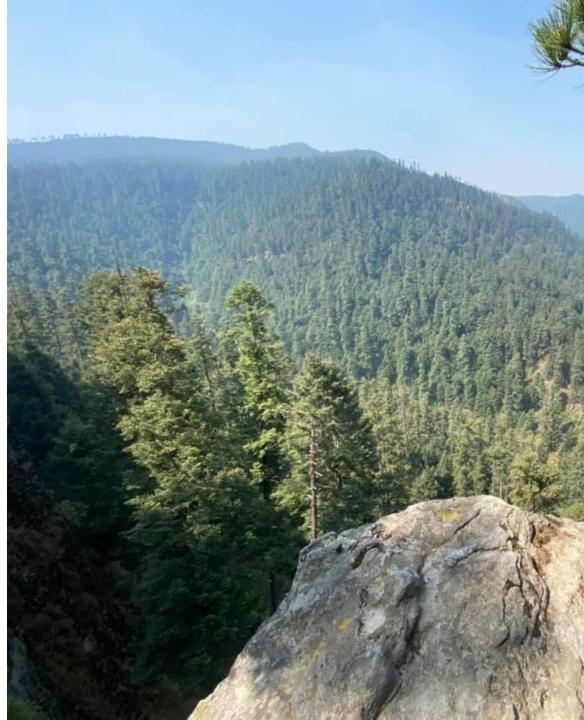
The economic valuation (EV) of ecosystem services (ES) is part of the efforts and tools needed to:

- provide information on contribution of ES to maintain livelihoods of rural population and generation and distribution of wealth; and
- ensure that the goods and services that nature provides to society are quantified in the formulation of public policies.

EV supports better decision-making through:

- elements of analysis for the formulation and design of public policies;
- analysis of fair trade-offs between benefits and impacts; for example in Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, an EV of ES and opportunity cost analysis was carried out on proposed payment for ES in the watersheds supplying water to support establishment of local markets for ES.

In Mexico, the progress in the EV of ES has contributed to the determination of their economic value, including the social benefits and co-benefits generated.



Progress and use of EV of ES in Mexico

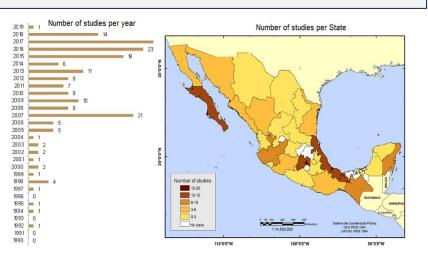


- Pago por Servicios Ambientales. Payment for Environmental Services program of the National Forestry Commission (CONAFOR).
- Ecovalor. Development of tools with spatial models of ecosystem processes by the National Commission of Natural Protected Areas (CONANP).
- *Paisaje biocultural.* Development of trend scenarios that correlate ES with development measures by the NGO, public and private institutions.



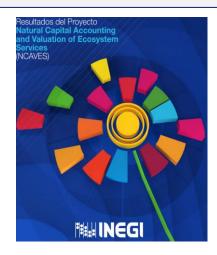
In 2020, INECC published a review and analysis on EV of SE conducted in Mexico from 1990 to 2019. The review highlighted:

- sustained interest in analyzing ES from the economic perspective;
- the importance of choosing appropriate methodologies;
- interest in forest and coastal ecosystems; and
- need to communicate the importance, benefits, and productivity of arid ecosystems.



In 2021, the Natural Capital Accounting and Valuation of Ecosystem Services (NCAVES) Project, funded by the European Union (EU), assessed different services at the national level, highlighting:

- Provision to agricultural production and selected crops;
- Carbon regulation and storage (as two distinct services);
- Household water supply; and
- Sustainable tourism and pollination.





Expected GPS results and potential uses of information generated

Support for the design and implementation of landscape planning instruments

Strengthening of Connecting Watershed Health with Sustainable Livestock and Agroforestry Production Project (CONECTA) by incorporating EV of ES in the development of new Integrated Watershed Action Plans (IWAP) and improving existing ones to develop financing schemes for their implementation.

Technical capacity building

Biophysical and economic quantifications of assessed ES will provide critical information for better decision-making and timely intervention in ecosystems that are highly vulnerable to climate change.





Public policy opportunities

Identification of relevant public policy options and private sector incentives through analysis of the linkages between environmental degradation and socioeconomic outcomes to promote sustainable rural livelihoods along climatesmart productive practices and agroforestry value chains, as well as those related to sustainable agrotourism.

Indirect benefits

Analysis of project benefits by defining the marginal gains considered in the CONECTA project scenario compared to business as usual (BAU).

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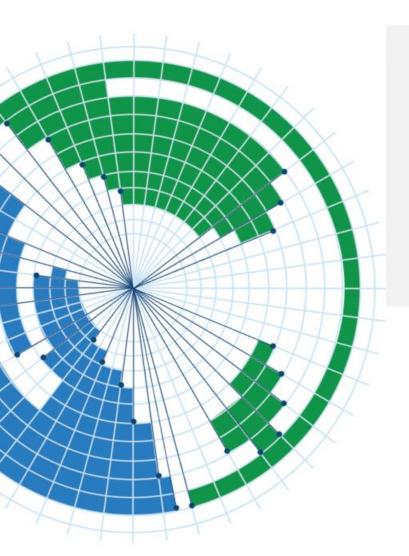
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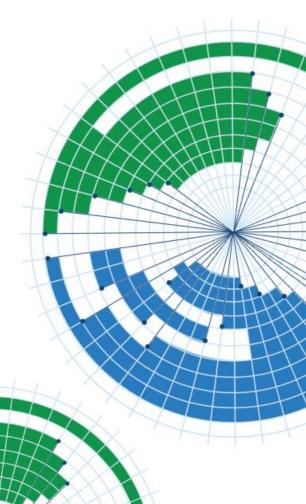
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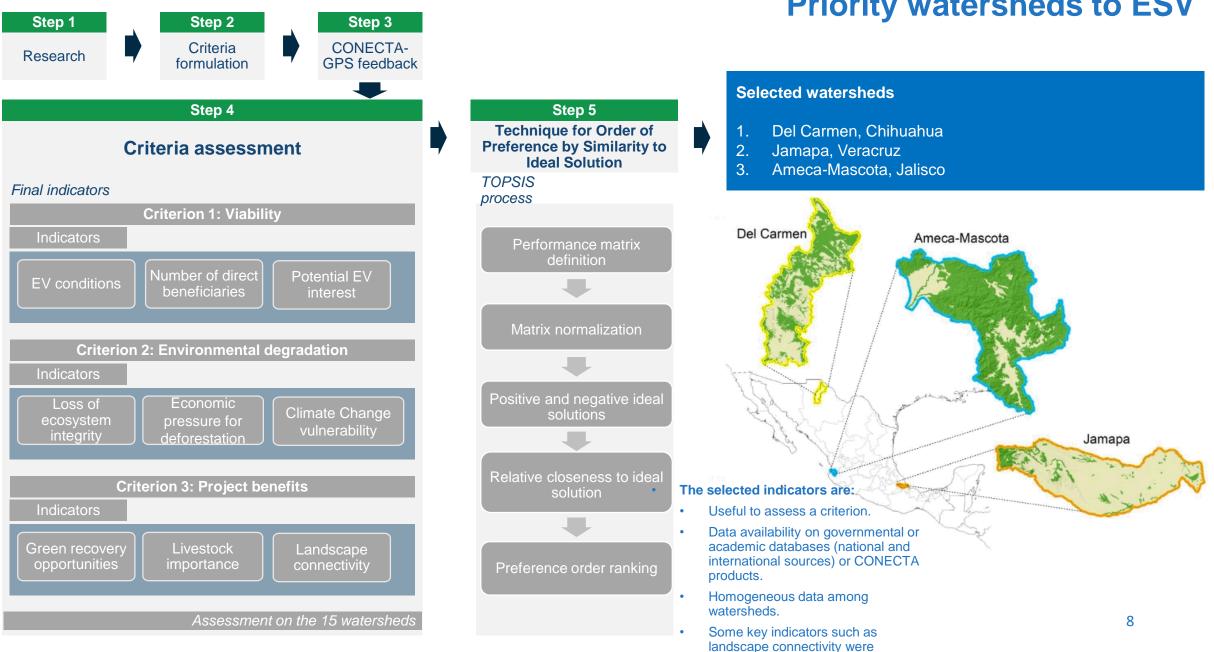
Identification of 2-3 priority watersheds and ecosystem services to EV Economic valuation of key ES, supported by a biophysical assessment, provided by the selected watersheds

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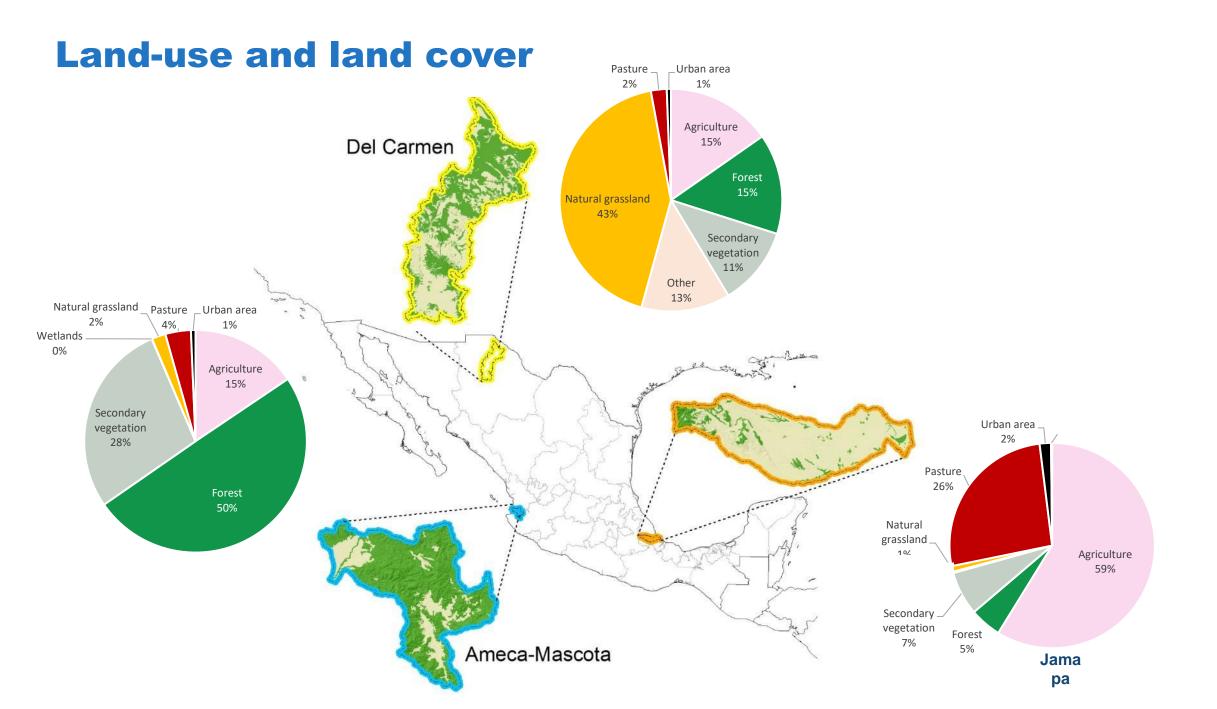
Assessment of ES changes under two scenarios: BAU and

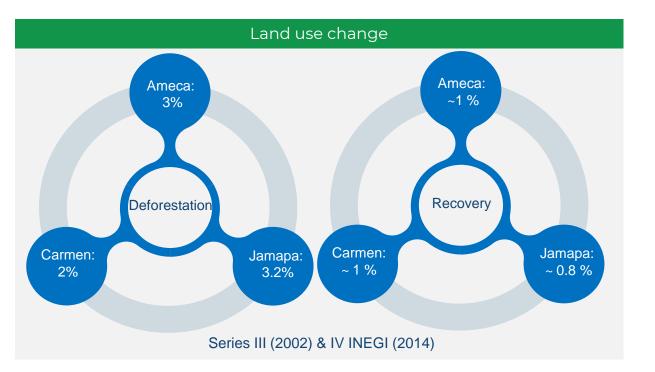
CONECTA





Priority watersheds to ESV





Highlights

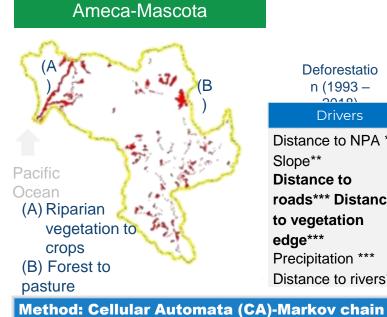
The main change in the three watersheds was from natural vegetation to agricultural activities.

- Ameca: From Tropical dry forest to secondary tropical dry forest
- Carmen: From Pine-oak forest to oak forest due to selective extraction
- Jamapa: From secondary tropical dry forest to crops



From	То
Del Carmo	en
Secondary pine-oak forests Halophile vegetation	Secondary oak-pine forests Agricultural activities
From Jamapa	То
Secondary dry forests Cloud forests Secondary pine-oak forests Mangrove forests	Agricultural activities Secondary cloud forests Agricultural activities Agricultural activities
Vulnerability of livestock production ⁰ 0.2 to water stress (ANVCC, INECC)	5 0.50 0.75 1 Carmen Ameca Jamapa

Method: Logistic regression step-wise



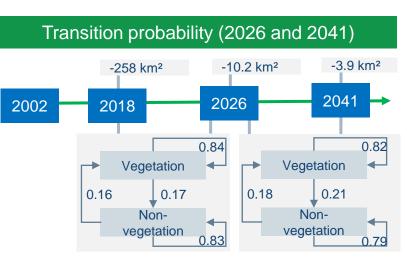
Deforestatio n (1993 – 0040 Drivers

Distance to NPA ** Slope** **Distance to** roads*** Distance to vegetation edge*** Precipitation *** Distance to rivers***

0.90

vegetation

Del Carmen (A) Shrubland to pasture



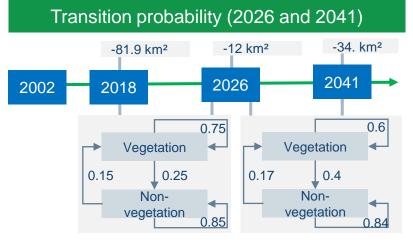
DEM***

Distance to

grassland**

Distance to

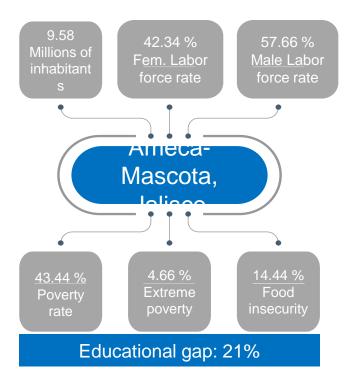
Deforestation Jamapa (1993 - 2018)(A Drivers Distance to human Deforestation settlements*** (1993 - 2018)Population growth** Drivers Slope*** Distance to roads*, (B **Distance to** Distance to crops** Mexico roads** Distance to (A) Cloud forests to agricultural grassland*** activities **Distance to** vegetation edge*** (B) Tropical dry forest to crops vegetation edge** (C) Dunes and wetlands to Precipitation* pasture

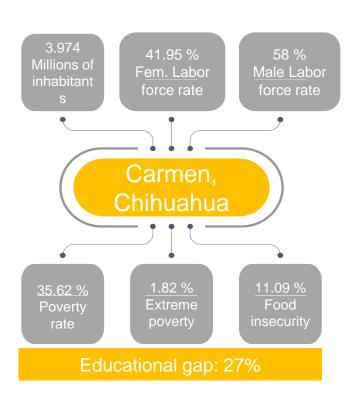


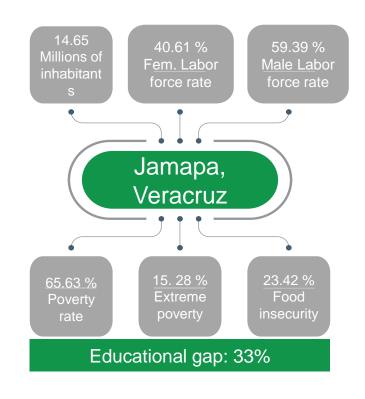
Transition probability (2026 and 2041) -14.4 -17.8 km² -42.5 km² km² 2041 2026 2002 2018 0.81 0.83 Vegetation Vegetation 0.10 0.12 0.17 0.19 Non-Non-

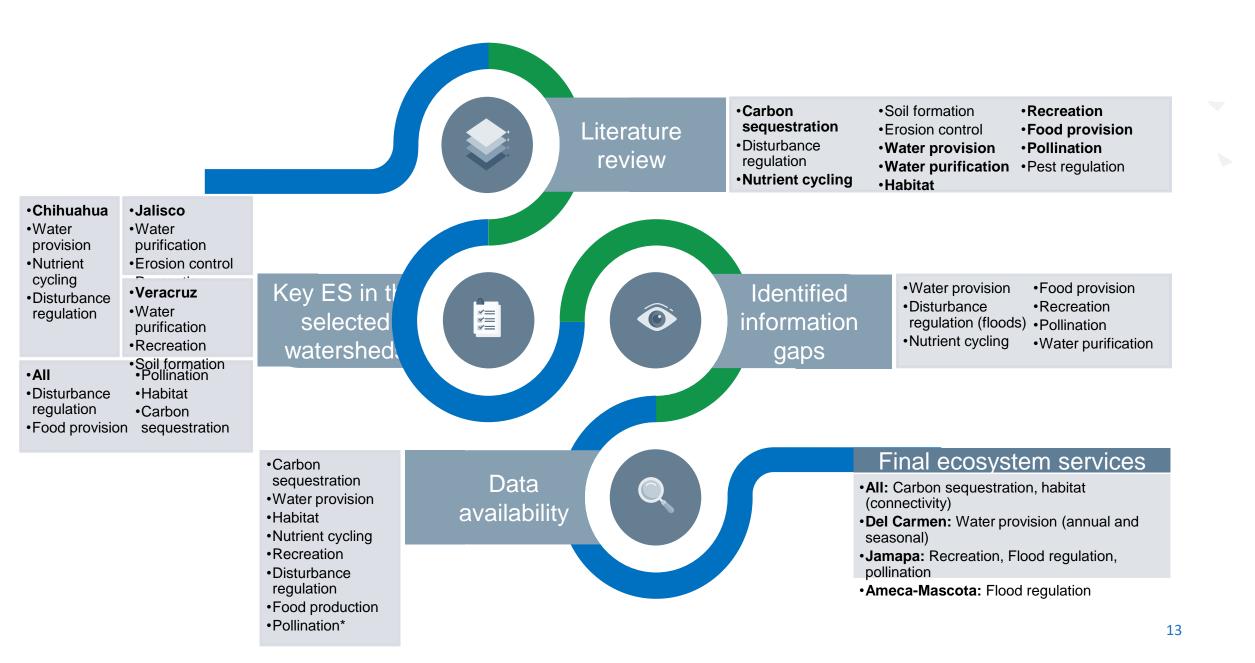
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vegetation









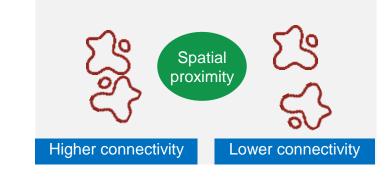
Landscape connectivity as a proxy of habitat

- Connectivity is a crucial element of landscape management and biodiversity conservation.
 - Connectivity loss is a major threat for biodiversity conservation and the ecological functions of the landscape

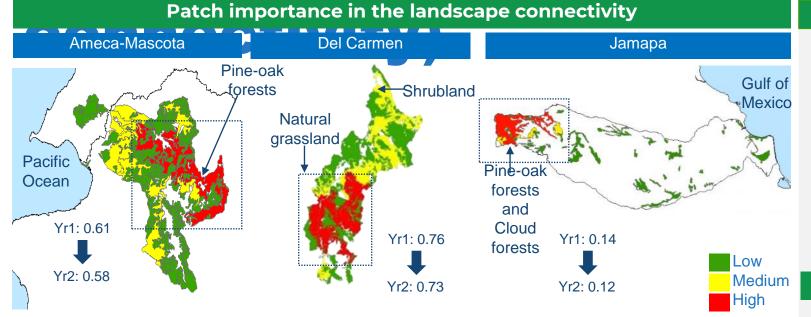
 Functional connectivity: Considers the



• Structural connectivity: Spatial arrangement of different elements of the landscape.



Habitat provision (proxy - landscape



Willingness to pay for natural conservation and scenery protection

+10% tourists	+40% tourists	+10% tourists	+40% tourists	+10% tourists	+40% tourists
US\$ 22.7 million	US\$ 90.9 million	US\$ 19.1 million	US\$ 76.1 million	US\$ 16.6 million	US\$ 66.4 million

Opportunity costs				
US\$ 22.7 million	US\$ 19 million	US\$ 16.6 million		

Methods: Biophysical evaluation

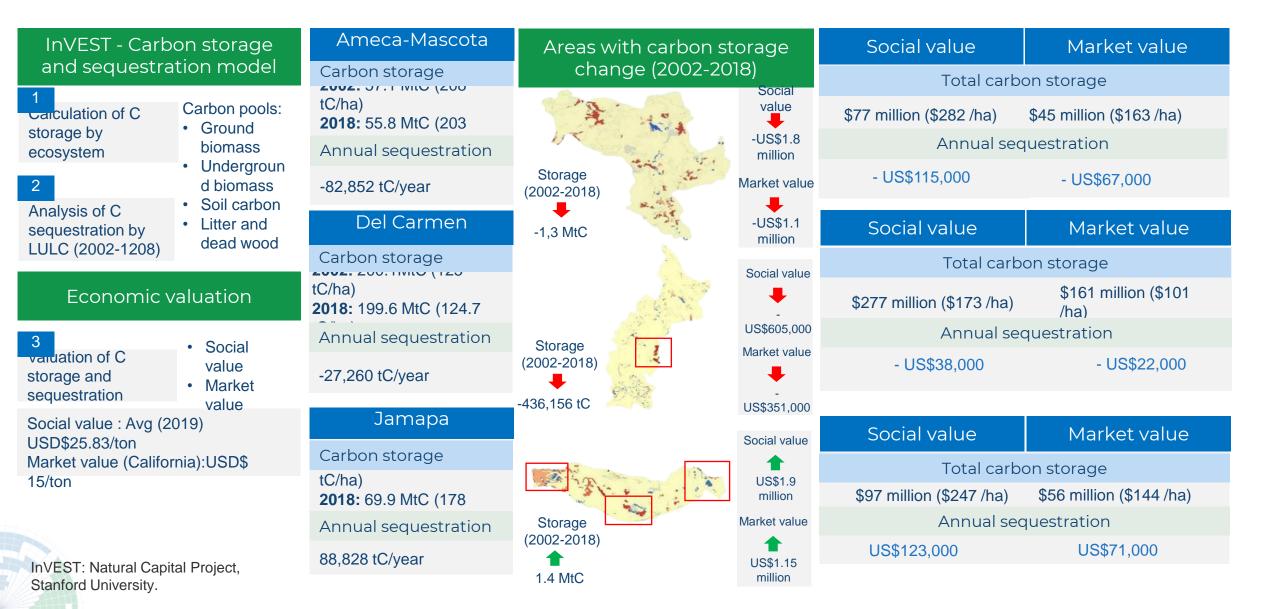
- Probability of connectivity index (PC) CONEFOR 2.6:
 - Functional perspective
 - Structural perspective
- Importance of each patch to connectivity (dPC).
 - Allows to evaluate the contribution of each patch to the global connectivity

Methods: Economic valuation

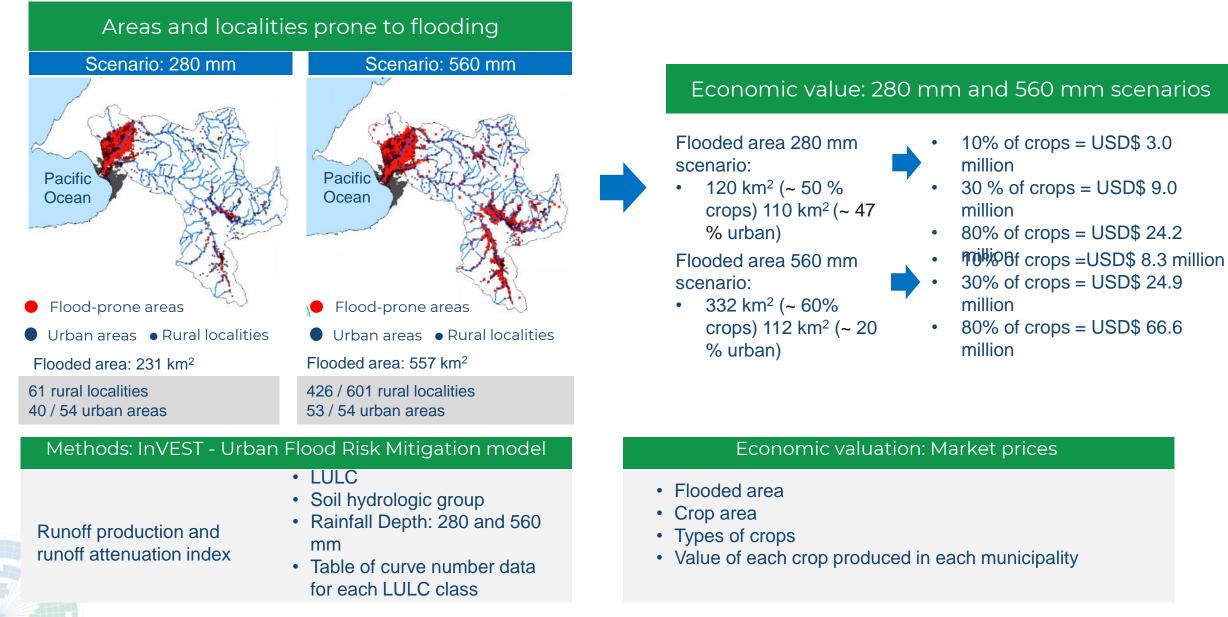
- Willingness to pay
 - WTP previous hedonic value
 - Degree of connectivity
 - Number of tourists per municipality
- Opportunity costs
 - Habitat provision area
 - Value of productive alternative

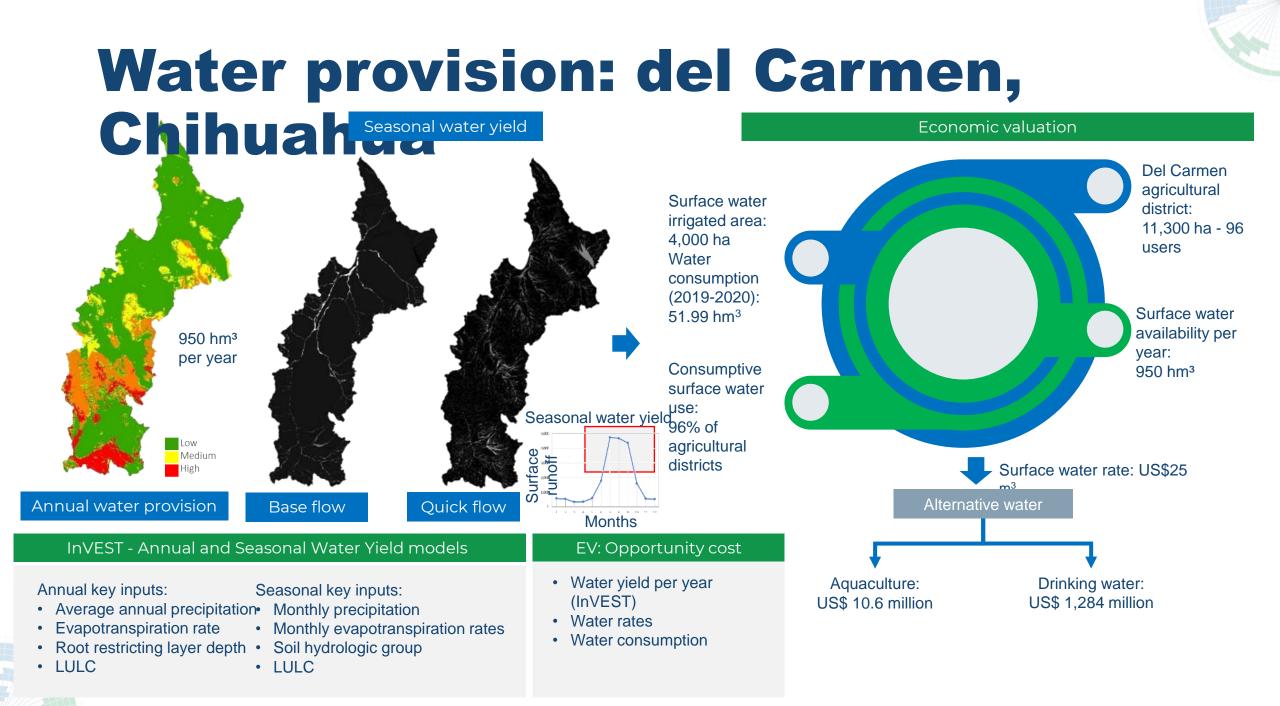
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Carbon storage and sequestration

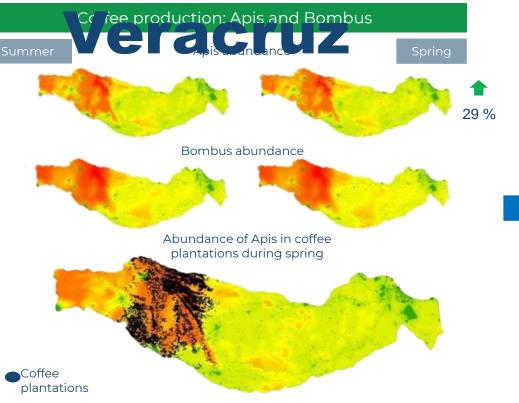


Flood control: Ameca - Mascota





Pollination services: Jamapa,



InVEST: Crop Pollination (Pollinator Abundance)

Key inputs:

- LULC
- Nesting cavity index
- Nesting substrate index for LC type
- Relative abundance of floral resources on landcover during Spring
- Relative abundance of floral resources on landcover during Summer

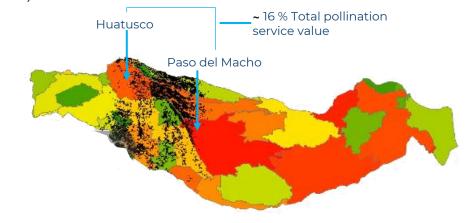
Land-use type:

- Coffee plantations
- Human settlements
- Bare soil Forests
- Grasslands
- Shrubland
- Water bodies

Economic value of pollination services

Annual crop value: ~US\$ 342.6 million

- Pollination services (26.4 %): US\$ 90.4 million annually
- Coffee production (2020): US\$ 20,353,788 (65% dependence ratio)



Economic Value: Market price - Dependence ratio method 1

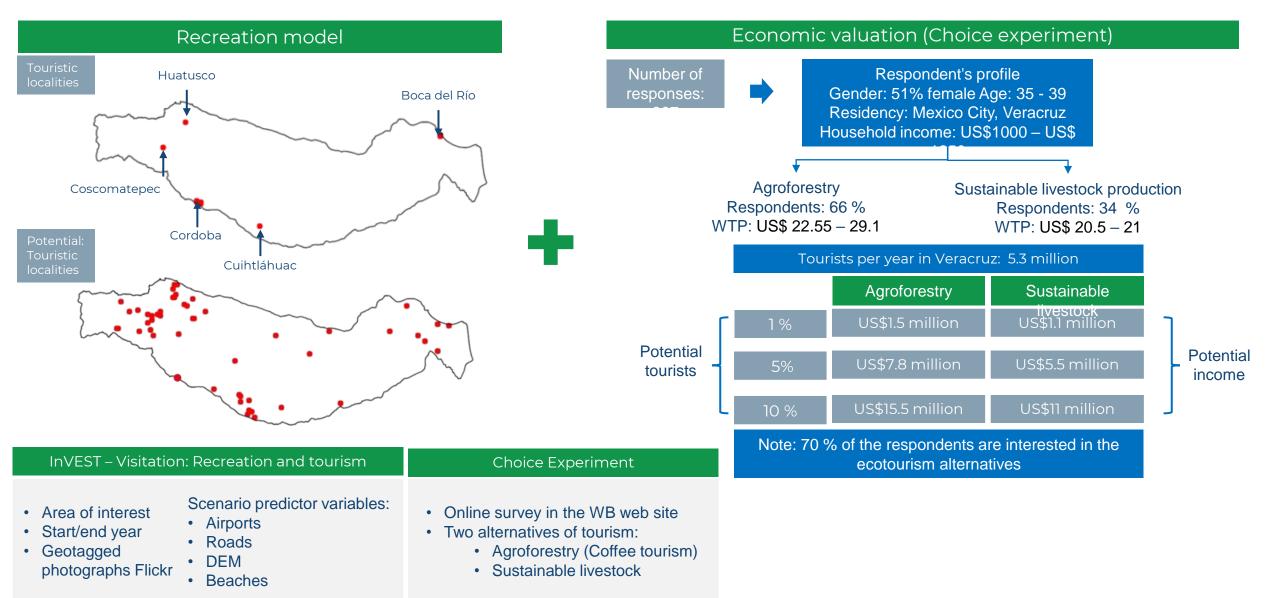
Key inputs:

- Crop type and dependance on pollinators
- Crop production value for each crop produced in each municipality for the year 2019

Main results

- Annual agricultural crop value
- Pollination service value

¹Gallai et al. 2009



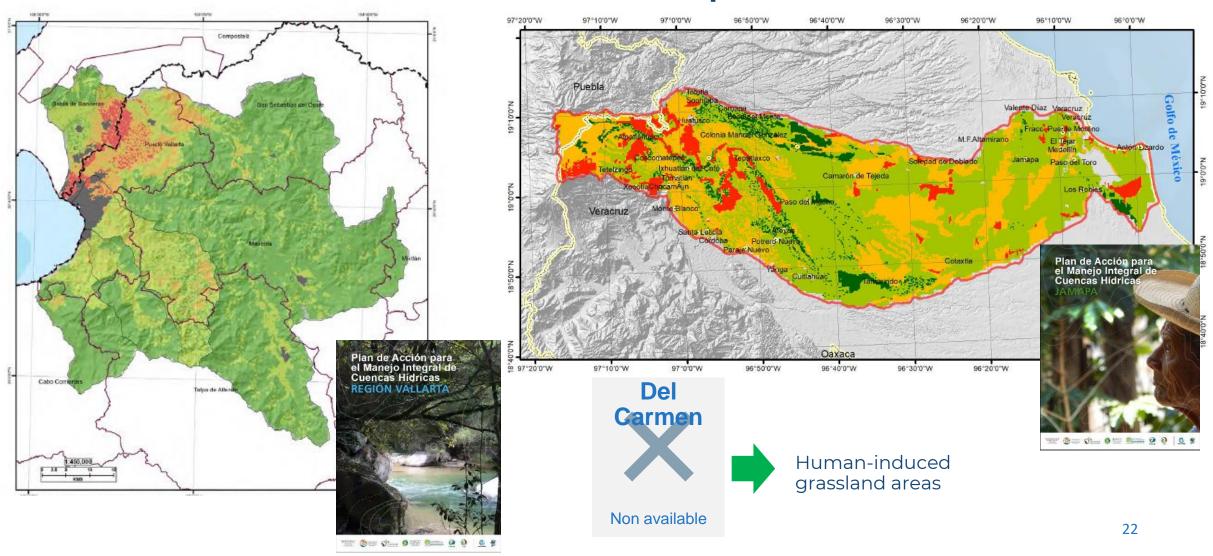
Biophysical and economic valuation				Economic valuation	
Ameca and Jamapa	Del Carmen	Ameca-Mascota, del Carmen and Jamapa			
Multistrata live fences	Live fences (shrubs)		1. Protein fodder banks	2 Silvopastoral production	3 Water distribution systems
Isolated trees in pasture	Improved grazing management to restore soil carbon sequestration	+	4 Technical assistance on	5 Technical assistance on	6 Traditional
Riparian vegetation			breeding techniques and reproductive technologies	livestock water-quality monitoring	subsistence/small-scale farming



Ameca Mascota

Jamapa

Ameca-Mascota: 280 ha Jamapa: 400 ha Carmen: 1,631 ha.



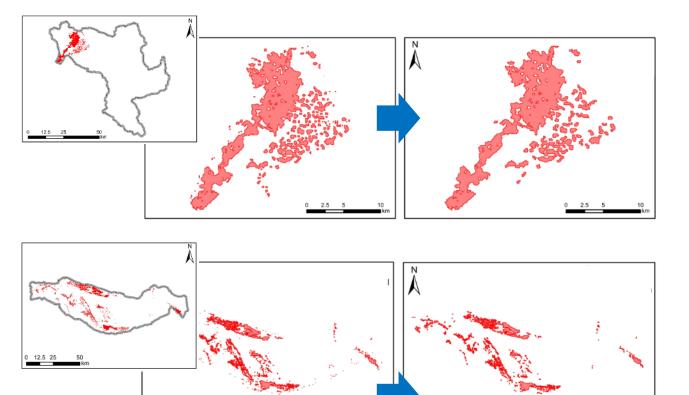
Refinement of priority areas Forest area within the priority sites:

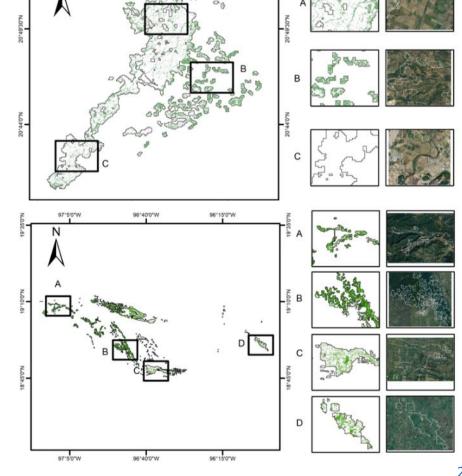
- Ameca-Mascota: 1,725 ha (19%)
- Jamapa: 12,025 ha (44%)

105" 12'0"W

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105"17'30"

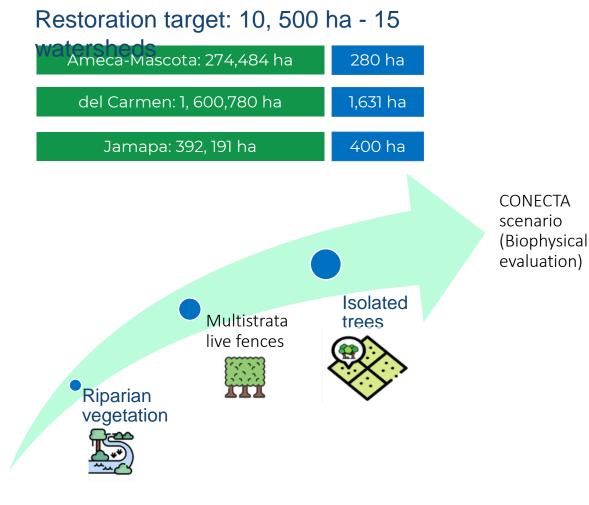




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CONECTA scenario assessment

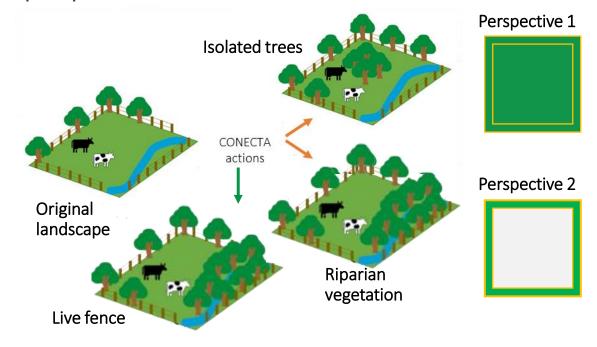
Decision rules



Note: The plots were randomly selected

Two perspectives

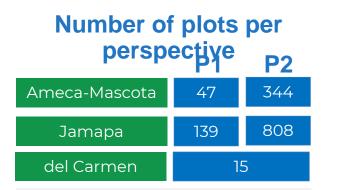
The effective CONECTA area under two perspectives:



Perspective 1: The total area of the plot where the actions are implemented is considered. Perspective 2: The area occupied by the CONECTA action (e.g., 5 m wide live fences) is considered.

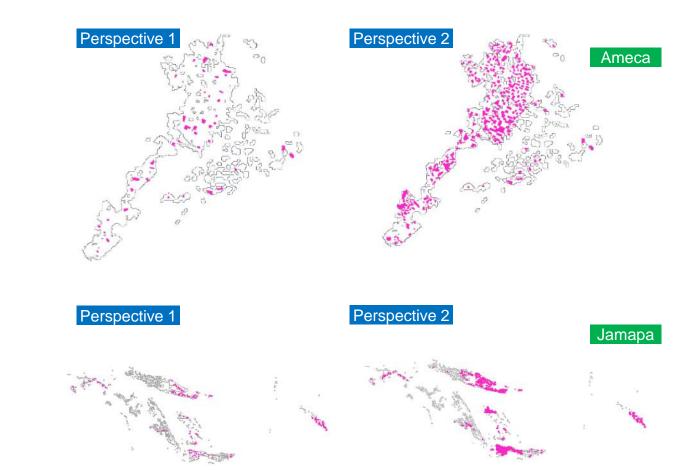
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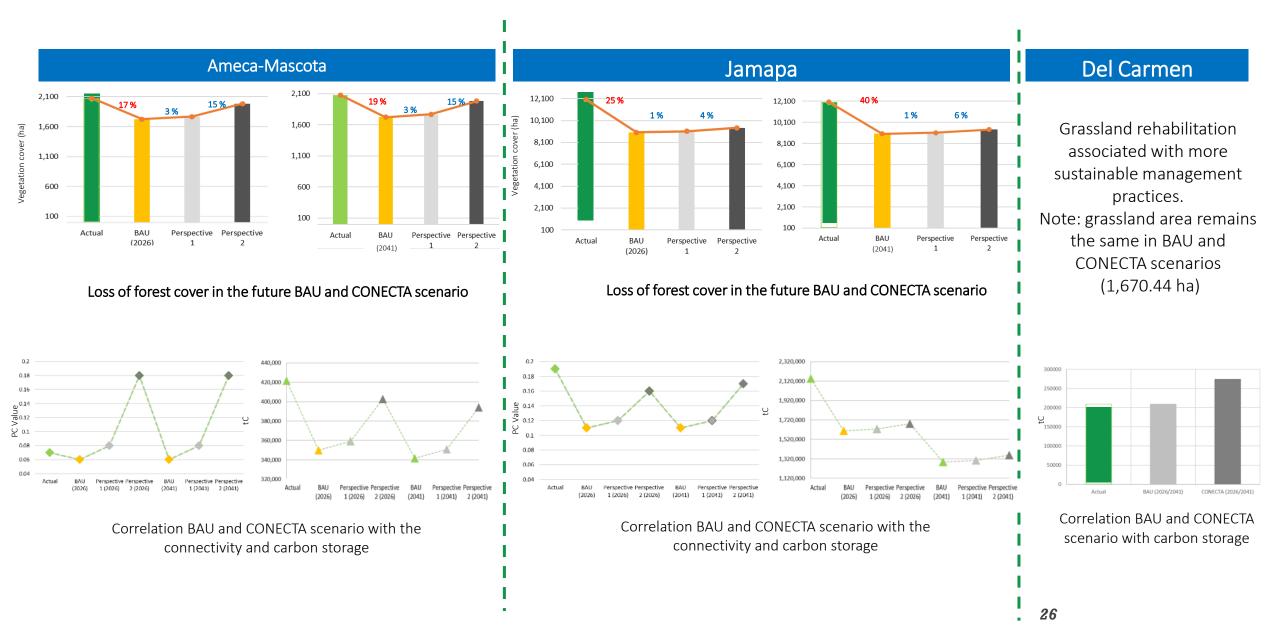
Examples of perspectives 1 and 2



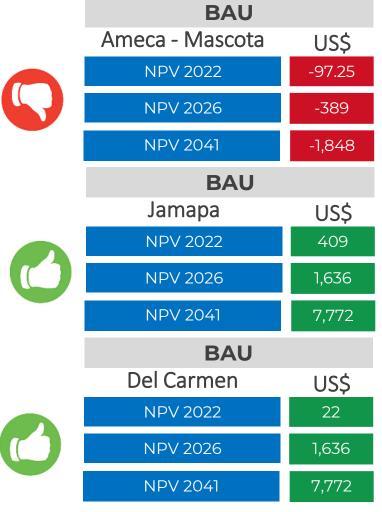
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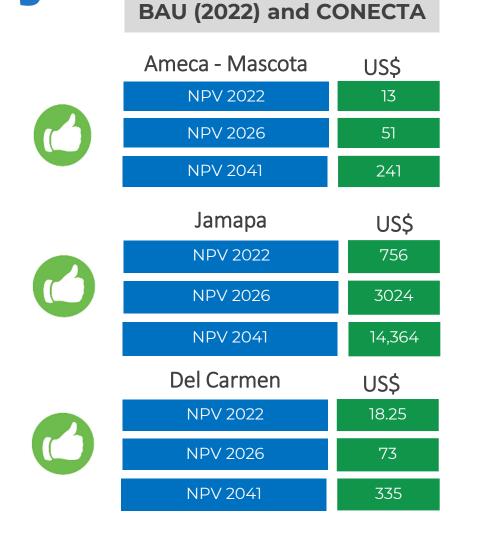
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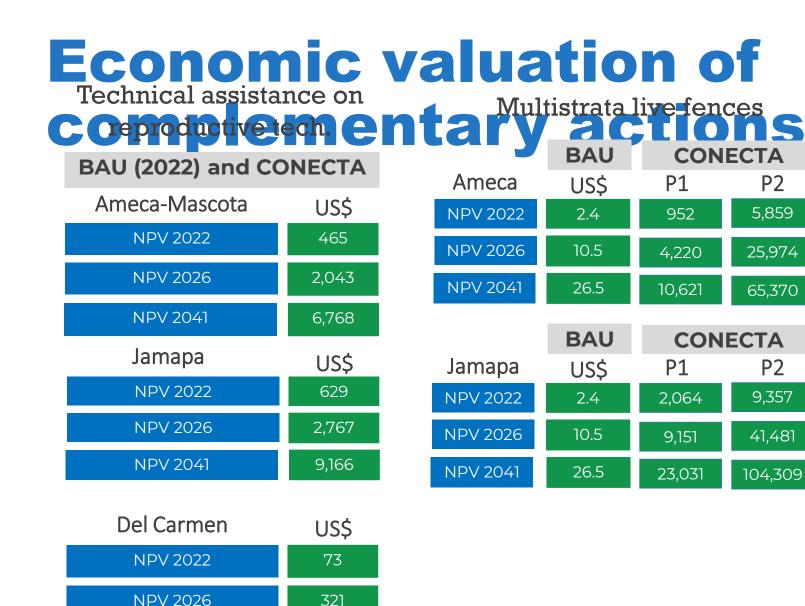
Economic valuation of complementary Sustainable livestock production





Private CBA





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NPV 2041

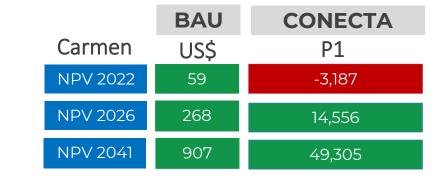
Isolated trees

Ameca/	BAU	CON	ECTA
Jamapa	US\$	P1	P2
NPV 2022	146	573	573
NPV 2026	981	3,852	3,852
NPV 2041	2,618	10,283	10,283



Economic valuation of Graning and shrubs next to fences

BAU (2022) and CONECTA			
Three watersheds	US\$		
NPV 2022	-40		
NPV 2026	84		
NPV 2041	308		



Private CBA



Protein fodder banks				
BAU (2022) and CONECTA				
Three Watersheds	US\$			
NPV 2022	-343			
NPV 2026	-136			
NPV 2041	267			

Economic valuation of

co Riparian vegetation ntar Water distribution systems						
	BAU		CONECTA		BAU (2022) and CC	
Ameca	US\$	P1	P2	-	Water pumping (m)	US\$
NPV 2022	-453	-752	-17,819		NPV 2022	-0.8
NPV 2026	-498	-827	-19,592		NPV 2026	-0.9
NPV 2041	-591	-981	-23,242		NP V 2020	-0.9
	BAU	CON	ЕСТА		NPV 2041	-1.1
Jamapa	US\$	P1	P2		Gravity (m)	US\$
NPV 2022	-453	-3,420	-8,471		NPV 2022	-0.6
NPV 2026	-498	-3,760	-9,314		NPV 2026	-0.7
NPV 2041	-591	-4,461	-11,049		NPV 2041	-0.9

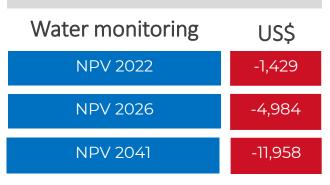
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BAU (2022) and CC	NECIA
Water pumping (m)	US\$
NPV 2022	-0.8
NPV 2026	-0.9
NPV 2041	-1.1
Gravity (m)	US\$
NPV 2022	-0.6
NPV 2026	-0.7
NPV 2041	-0.9

Technical assistance on water monitoring

BAU (2022) and CONECTA







Note: there are many benefits from the actions, but only investment and expenses were considered due to no available data.

Economic valuation of complementary actions

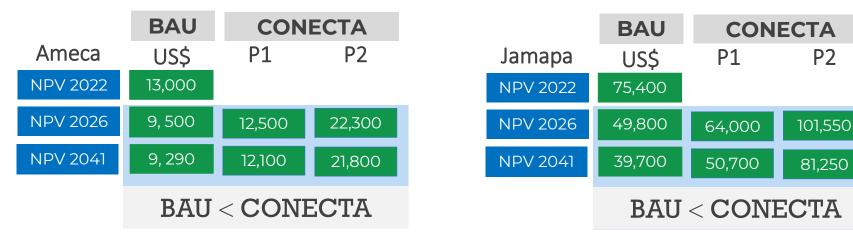




Economic valuation of

Landscape connectivity

Complementary activity

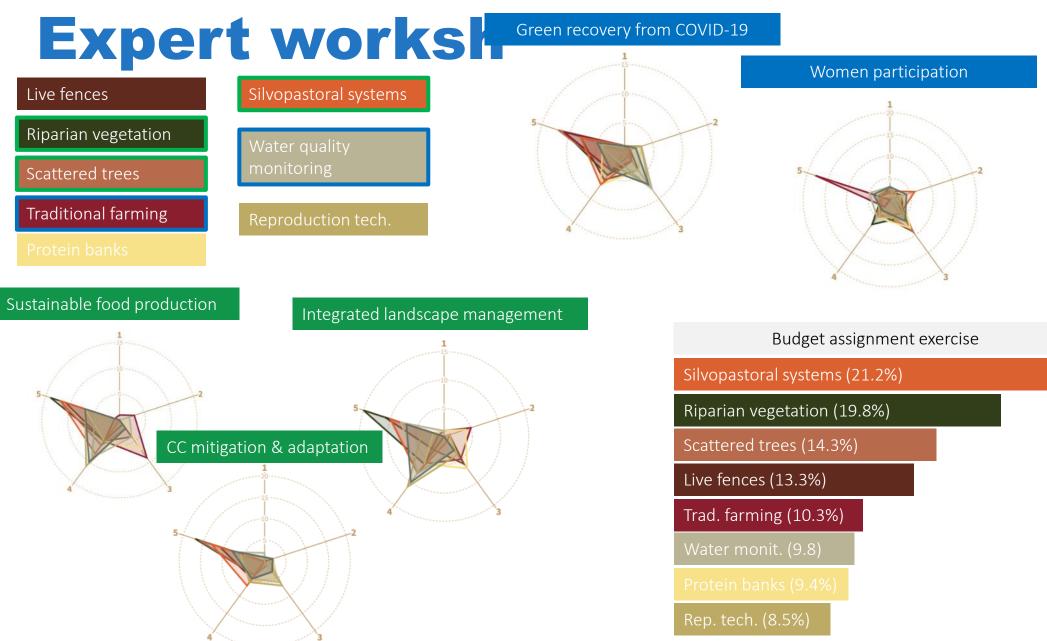






- **CBA-P:** it is preferable to have a low-interest rate than to have a higher return on investment.
- **CBA-S:** a low rate implies having a higher value of ES in the medium and long term.

Sensitivity analysis



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