

PROTECTED AREA SYSTEM

Recipient Expression of Interest

“National Program for the Strengthening of the National Protected Areas System of Honduras” (SINAPH)

COUNTRY	Honduras				
REQUEST	€ 10,000,000				
DURATION	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
	€ 1,500,000.00	€ 2,500,000.00	€ 2,500,000.00	€ 2,500,000.00	€ 1,000,000.00
PRIORITY ACTIONS *	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Empowerment of communities within Protected Areas. 2. Promotion of sustainable livelihoods within Protected Areas. 3. Closure of ecological gaps of the SINAPH. 4. Closure of administrative gaps of the SINAPH. 5. Hazard mitigation and climate change adaptation. 6. Ecosystem restoration and maintenance. 				
	<p>* Previously on 2009, three Expressions of Interest were submitted to LifeWeb, all of them have been integrated into the present document. See Annex 13: Carpet Name: XIII-Project Proposals, that corresponds to the detailed expressions of interest and two (2) new proposal projects.</p>				

1. FINANCIAL GAP

Budget Required	Please indicate amount(s) here.* 15.0 millions. €	Please indicate whether this amount refers to existing areas and/or new areas required for greater ecological representation. The budget refers to 7 existing protected areas and 7 new protected areas already in process to be legally declared.	
		Please indicate scope of jurisdictions included (e.g. federal, provincial/state, municipal, indigenous territories, community conserved areas) the 24 protected areas included in this proposal are public protected areas. 9 of them are being managed by local NGO's and municipalities. Local communities are strongly involved in the management of protected areas and participate with the local NGO's and the government agencies in their development.	
Current Budget	Please indicate amount(s) here.* 2.5 million. €	To extent possible, please indicate the breakdown of major revenue sources and approximate amounts here (e.g. government budget, GEF, bilateral support, trust funds, NGOs, private foundations, etc). Government agencies: 1.0 million. € International cooperation: 1.0 million€ Local NGO's: 0.5 million. €	
Total	Please	To be met by domestic sources:	To extent possible, please indicate the

Funding Gap	<i>indicate amount(s) here.*</i> 10.0 million €	<i>Please indicate amount here. A rough estimate of domestic revenues is approximately 2.5 million</i>	<i>major expected revenue sources here. Most of the revenues will come from eco-tourism, fishery, forest management and agriculture activities.</i>
		Requested from international donors: €10,000,000	

2. ECOLOGICAL PRIORITIES

- Annex 1. File name:Honduras Map with proposed Protected Areas.jpg - Corresponds to the Honduran Protected Area System's map (SINAPH) for 2009 and a name list of its Protected Areas.
- The Total areas proposed for this subsidy are 24 Protected Areas.

3. SUPPORTING ASSESSMENTS AND PLANS

Protected Area System Assessment and Planning	Programme of Work on Protected Areas activity #	Status of completion	Annexed All that apply are indicated.
Ecological Gaps	1.1	4	Annex 2. File name: II-SINAPH-BioPhGaps.pdf Corresponds to the 2008 Bio-Physical Gaps Analisis of the SINAPH.
Integration and Connectivity	1.2	2	
Transboundary Protection	1.3	3	Annex.3. File Name: III-SINAPH CorazonProj-Res.pdf
Protected Areas Threats	1.5	3	Annex 4. File name: IV-SINAPH-SP.pdf Corresponds to the SINAPH's 2010-2020 Estrategic Plan.
Costs and Benefits	2.1	3	
Governance	2.1	2	Annex 5. File name: V-SINAPH-CM.pdf Corresponds to the SINAPH's co-managing legislation.
Participation	2.2	2	Annex 6. File name: VI-PrivatePAs.pdf Corresponds to the Private Protected Areas Regulation Policy.
Policy Environment	3.1	4	Annex7. File name: VII-SINAPH TecnAdm-Normative.pdf

			Corresponds to SINAPH's Administrative and Technical Normative
Protected Areas Values	3.1	3	
Capacity Needs	3.2	4	Annex 8. File name: VII-SINAPH-CapBuiPlan.pdf Corresponds to the SINAPH's 2008 Capacity Building Plan.
Sustainable Financial	3.4	4	Annex 9. File name: IX-SINAPH-FinGaps.pdf Corresponds to the 2009 Financial Gaps Analysis of the SINAPH.
Communication and Outreach	3.5	1	
Management Effectiveness	4.2	4	Annex 10. File name: X-SINAPH-EffMan.pdf Corresponds to the Management Effectiveness Methodology implemented in the SINAPH.
Research Needs	4.3	1	Annex 11. File name: XI-SINAPH-EcolInt.pdf Corresponds to the Ecological Integrity Monitoring Methodology, which is a tool being implemented to identify research needs to better understand conservation targets within Protected Areas.

4. SUPPORTING INFORMATION ABOUT PROTECTED AREA VALUES

At the same time have a high potential in terms of water supply, food security, mitigation of natural disasters and sequestration of greenhouse gases such as CO₂.

Since 2009 Honduras was included in the REDD initiative and is a member of the Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPB). Important advances have been achieved in this process.

See Annex 12. File Name: XII FCPF R-PIN Honduras.pdf

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Program's Preliminary Profile

- Presented as Supporting Document to Honduras's LifeWeb Expresión of Interest by the National Institute for Forest Conservation and Development, Protected Areas and Wildlife

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1. Introduction

The Honduran territory has an area of 112,492 km². 34% of the territory corresponds to the 91 protected areas that integrate the National Protected Areas System of Honduras, including terrestrial and coastal-marine ecosystems.

In October 2008 a new forestry law was approved by the National Congress that creates and regulates the forestry, protected areas and wildlife sector through the National Institute of Forest Conservation and Development, Protected Areas and Wildlife (ICF). This institutional framework is in process of consolidation and actually the ICF is implementing an Institutional Strategic Plan with the purpose to implement its actions under a participatory and inclusive process among the public, communities and private sectors.

The National Program for Strengthening of the SINAPH is a pilot initiative, which will be developed and implemented by the National Institute of Forest Conservation and Development, Protected Areas and Wildlife. The ICF will work in close coordination with co-manager organizations of protected areas, local governments, community based organizations and other key stakeholders. This strategic alliance will allow to implement the guiding principles of the Biological Diversity Convention and the Protocol of Cooperation of Life Web in agreement with the policy framework and strategies placed by the Government of Honduras for the management and conservation of protected areas to improve the living conditions of the population settled in these areas and to ensure the conservation of biodiversity. For this program, there have been identified six specific objectives that are the starting points for planning and the development of priority actions. This initiative is intended to be executed in a period of five years with an amount of Ten million Euros.

It's important to point out that the operation of this program will be taken as a platform of work from the Strategic Plan for the National Protected Areas System of Honduras 2010-2020, the Biophysical Gap Analysis of the National Protected Areas System of Honduras, the Monitoring Implementation of Management of Effectiveness Manual from the National Protected Areas System of Honduras and others.

Likewise, we should confirm that this initiative focuses on the expressed in the World Summit in Sustainable Development that stated in its implementing plan, the lack of financial and



technical resources to third world countries to achieve and maintain a global system of protected areas, effectively managed and ecologically representative.

2. Rationale

Currently the SINAPH faces a series of threats, such as deforestation due to the advance of agricultural frontier and cattle, unsustainable forest management practices and firewood collection, unsustainable tourism, climate change, migration into protected areas and contradictions of public policies, among others.

Protected areas are very important for their gene functions, historical, scenic, creative, archaeological and protective in a way that preserves the natural state of biotic communities, geomorphological phenomena and processes, water supply, quality of agricultural soils and forestry and the production of environmental goods and services through management, conservation and appropriate use is through sustainable development and contribute to poverty reduction and environmental vulnerability.

As a result of the Gaps Analysis Study of SINAPH, such as gaps representative, administrative, ecological and financial gaps are identified that have prevented effective management and ecologically representative SINAPH; is therefore that this initiative will contribute to strengthening the participation of management of protected areas and promoting sustainable livelihoods for their people, through an ecosystem approach, under principles of governance and governability, transparency, equity and sustainability, and public sector coordination with private sector, nongovernmental organizations and participation of organized local communities.

From the standpoint of budget allocation, administrative institutions and regulations in protected areas have limited resources for management and conservation of protected areas. The annual budget allocations cover the expenses for salaries and wages and operating expenses, however there is a weakness to develop direct investments in protected areas, that's why this pilot initiative will strengthen the technical and financial SINAPH.

3. **General Objective:**

Assure biodiversity conservation and long-term provision of ecosystem goods and services through a participatively managed and ecologically representative Honduran National Protected Areas System.

4. **Specific Objectives:**

1. Promote participative management of Protected Areas through effective local empowerment.

- Organize Community Advisory Councils and other representative groups within Protected Areas.

- Strengthen Community Advisory Councils and other representative groups through training and educational programs on management and governance in Protected Areas.
- II. Promote sustainable livelihoods within Protected Areas through development of the local economy.**
- Develop and implement sustainable services, production and harvesting practices of Non-Wood Forest Products through training and bioprospection programs.
 - Develop innovative and cost-effective systems and husbandry techniques for stock enhancement and production of high-value marine fishes and invertebrates.
 - Promote sustainable production activities through infrastructure development.
 - Develop and implement an Environmental Services Payment Program
- III. Reduce the Ecological Gaps of the SINAPH.**
- Consolidation of existing and proposed Protected Areas.
- IV. Reduce the Administrative Gaps of the SINAPH.**
- Ensure proper delimitation and boundary demarcation of Protected Areas.
 - Develop and Implement Management Plans for Protected Areas.
 - Establishment of co-management agreements.
 - Management training and capacity building of co-managers.
- V. Reduce vulnerability to climate change through hazard mitigation.**
- Generate information for hazard and risk mitigation.
 - Preserve ecological buffers in costal-marine ecosystems.
 - Restore wetlands for storage and flood control through analog forestry.
 - Develop coral reef restoration methods.
- VI. Ecosystem maintenance.**
- Reduce the volume of pollutants and sedimentation reaching costal-marine ecosystems.
 - Improve the restoration of terrestrial ecosystems.
 - Promote applied research in priority areas.

5. Budget

Budget for the Project For Component

Description	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
Component 1	€ 525,000.00	€ 875,000.00	€ 875,000.00	€ 875,000.00	€ 350,000.00	€ 3,500,000.00
Component 2	€ 150,000.00	€ 250,000.00	€ 250,000.00	€ 250,000.00	€ 100,000.00	€ 1,000,000.00
Component 3	€ 375,000.00	€ 625,000.00	€ 625,000.00	€ 625,000.00	€ 250,000.00	€ 2,500,000.00
Component 4	€ 150,000.00	€ 250,000.00	€ 250,000.00	€ 250,000.00	€ 100,000.00	€ 1,000,000.00
Component 5	€ 225,000.00	€ 375,000.00	€ 375,000.00	€ 375,000.00	€ 150,000.00	€ 1,500,000.00
Component 6	€ 75,000.00	€ 125,000.00	€ 125,000.00	€ 125,000.00	€ 50,000.00	€ 500,000.00
Total*	€ 1,500,000.00	€ 2,500,000.00	€ 2,500,000.00	€ 2,500,000.00	€ 1,000,000.00	€ 10,000,000.00



* The counterpart of the program by ICF and other performers will be in kind, equivalent to 10% of the total program.