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## The collaboration between CONAFOR and ejido Felipe Carrillo Puerto generate new skills and jobs

*With the technical support of Uyoolche Civil Association, was established an intensive monitoring site of forest carbon in Quintana Roo.*

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During the first meeting between Reinforcing REDD+ Project and Ejido Felipe Carrillo Puerto.

The collaboration between the National Forestry Commission (CONAFOR), through the Reinforcing REDD+ and South-South Cooperation Project, with the ejido Felipe Carrillo Puerto in Quintana Roo, with the support of Uyoolche Civil Association, for the establishment of an intensive monitoring site, will produce mutual benefits on the generation of relevant information about the forest carbon flux, also the creation of jobs and capacities among the villagers for the community forest monitoring.

With the signature of a Collaboration Agreement, the past December 6th 2012, between CONAFOR and Uyoolche Civil Association, for 1.8 million pesos, resources donated by the Norway government and channeled through the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), was started the establishment of an intensive monitoring site, which

enable Mexico to give one more step in the preparation of a Measurement, Report and Verification system (MRV), as part of the National Strategy for REDD+.

The intensive monitoring site is located in an area of three hectares in the community reserve Much Kanan K'aax, where will generate information such as the vegetation cover, riots, biomass, forest structure, species composition, carbon dioxide flux from the ground, organic carbon dissolved, and the net exchange of carbon dioxide in the ecosystem.

The participation of the local villagers will be given in the integration of a 10 person brigade for the information collect, whom will be capacitated by personal and also will count with the technical advisory of Uyoolche.

José Arreola Palacios, president of

Uyoolche, said that the generated data will be used to strengthen the management capabilities and the decision making of the several projects that have in the community. "Since the last year has been managing the installation of an intensive monitoring site, which will help us to improve the information we have to strengthen the diverse projects that since several years ago the Ejido was developing", he asserted.

For Clementino Ku Pacab, president of the ejido, the installation of the intensive monitoring site will be helpful for the ejidatarios, because beside to generate employment between the villagers, will also generate new skills and useful information for the projects they are driving. "It is a very important activity for the Ejido, we know forward that this will bring many benefits for the community, this project is a priority on a national level", he commented. 

## MRV initiatives integrate a collaborative platform in Mexico

*It has the objective to integrate a joint work plan and identify synergies.*

Currently a total of seven initiatives and projects, funded by different agencies, are working in Mexico in the development of methodologies for the design of a Measurement, Report and Verification system (MRV), which is why called by the National Forestry Commission (CONAFOR), through the Reinforcing REDD+ and South-South Cooperation Project, has been initiated a collaborative platform.

The projects Mexico REDD+ Alliance, Creation of capacities for the forest monitoring in Mexico of the Mexican Fund for the Nature Conservancy, Role of Biodiversity to Climate Change (ROBIN), Forest and Climate Change, Biodiversity in Productive Forest (BIOCER) and the Latin America Investment Fund (LAIF), include in their work plans activities related with different components of the MRV system.



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This initiatives works in the REDD+ Early Action Areas in the Yucatan peninsula and Jalisco; as well as 18 Natural Protected Areas; even with continental approaches as they have as study area the territory covered between Mexico and Bolivia.

This is why with the leadership of CONAFOR, through the Reinforcing REDD+ and South-South Cooperation Project, they look to integrate a multiproject work plan, so since October 2012 have made coordination meetings to know the main products to generate and action lines of the MRV initiatives, in order to integrate a joint work plan and identify synergies, enhance actions and avoid duplicity of efforts.

Inside this platform they are looking forward to share data and have a feedback on the methodological frame of the MRV system.

So they are working on the generation of an incident map and a diagram that shows the complementarity of the different initiatives; plus they will consider a strategy for training of human resources in MRV. 

## José María Michel, new FAO Official

José María Michel Fuentes, will join to the Reinforcing REDD+ and South-South Cooperation project, as MRV Officer by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), so he will act as link for the technical support from FAO for the development of the Measurement, Reporting and Verification system of Mexico.

Through his work, he will advise the Project in technical matter for the design and planning of the activities, as well to implement and monitor the

execution, having as main objective the development of a program to transfer and building capacity through the methodological exchange.

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