



## RESOLUTION #3

### **Title : Aligning federal development policies with conservation management plans in the areas of influence of Protected Natural Areas (PNA) in Mexico**

#### **WHERE AS:**

Effective conservation for PNA depends on good management of neighboring areas and the lack of consistency in the implementation of public policy and development programs in these neighboring areas increases the vulnerability of PNA.

This is especially important because of government programs that promote the development of rural communities through economic activities (agriculture, etc.) and basic services (water, light, electricity, etc.) using non-sustainable technologies which has a large impact on these neighboring areas.

Additionally, the Mexican General Law on Ecological Equilibrium and Environmental Protection refers to neighboring areas of PNA in article 60, section VI (see Annex 1), but does not list guidelines in which the executive branch can generate regional development consistent with PNA preservation.

The Commission of Natural Protected Areas, as a public body, does not monitor and have a vote/veto on public policy and management plans for these surrounding areas (area of influence) of PNA.

This resolution requests that the Commission of Natural Protected Areas, as a public body, monitor and have a vote/veto on public policy and management plans for these surrounding areas (area of influence) of PNA.

#### **THEREFORE**

- To amend the General Law of Ecological Equilibrium and Environmental Protection to define the concept and delimitation of the area of influence of each PNA.
- To request the Commission on the Environment of the Ministry of Finance to convene a dialogue among the agencies involved and the Directorate General of the PNA prior to the approval public programs and resources/investment in areas of influence of the PNA, for the detection and early treatment of conflicts.
- To provide CONANP legal and administrative support to facilitate the development of inter-agency partnerships aimed at comprehensive

protection of the landscape in the area of influence of ANP as well as involving the local communities.

**RESOLVED:**

That different government agencies (SCT, CFE, CDI, SEDESOL, SAGARPA, among others) design specific programs for the development of economic activities in a sustainable manner in the areas of influence of the PNA.

That government programs which promote development from a national perspective incorporate a conditional clause in their terms of reference, enabling the Director General of the PNA to encourage relevant sustainable economic activities.

That SEMARNAT has clear authority to define the area of influence of each PNA.

That the Conservation Management Plans of PNA development plans and policies of municipalities adjacent to the PNA should be aligned within the PNA area of influence.

**PROPOSERS:**

Manuel del Monte Martínez M.Sc.

Jorge Arturo Benitez Torres Ph.D

**SECONDEERS:**

Reforestamos Mexico A.C.

Applied Ecology of Southeast A. C.

## **Annex 1**

**ARTICLE 60.-** The declarations for the establishment of PNA identified in paragraphs I to VIII of Article 46 of this Act must contain at least the following:

- I.** Precise demarcation of the surrounding areas, indicating the surface location and where necessary, appropriate zoning;
- II.** Conditions on the use or exploitation of natural resources in general or specifically those subject to protection;
- III.** Description of activities that may take place in the area in question as well as the terms and constraints;
- IV.** The public verification and record keeping of land expropriation
- V.** General guidelines for the establishment and management of collective bodies to set up trust funds or program development and management of the areas;
- VI.** Guidelines for implementing preservation, restoration and sustainable use practice of natural resources within protected natural areas for administering and monitoring, as well as the development of administrative rules shall be subject to the activities within the respective area, as provided in this and other applicable laws;

The action that the Federal Executive may impose for the preservation and protection of natural protected areas, which shall only be set as the respective subjects in this Law, Forest Law, National Water, Fisheries, Federal Hunting , and others that might apply.

The Secretariat will promote ecological land-planning in and around the influence areas of protected natural areas in order to generate new patterns of regional development in line with sustainability objectives.