

## Bienes Comunes San Gerónimo Zacapexco Indigenous Conservation of Central Mexico Forests

San Gerónimo Zacapexco is Otomi indigenous community located in central Mexico. Its touristic spot, Presa del Llano Park, has several tourist certifications such as Indigenous Treasures, Clean Point, among others, which, when added to the FSC Ecosystem Services, seek to make their visitors aware of the positive impact that their visit has on the care of the forests.

The diversification of the activities that take place in the park has helped to preserve a space for relaxation and mental health. It has helped to preserve a space for relaxation and mental health for tourists and the community, while contributing to the provision of pure water to different communities in Hidalgo state.

### Verified Ecosystem Services



Maintenance of the capacity of watersheds to purify and regulate water



Maintenance/ conservation of areas of importance for recreation and/or tourism

### Highlights of this project

1. 239 ha of forest protected and reserved for recreational usage
2. Maintenance of the water quality by restoration of the riparian area of the San Jeronimo River
3. Multiple towns in the Hidalgo state benefitted from the maintained water quality in the region
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## Project details

### Watershed conservation

This project is maintaining the quality of the water in the hydrographic micro-basins that are located on the surface of the agrarian nucleus of Communal Assets of San Gerónimo Zacapexco, as well as monitoring the properties of water in rivers and springs within the forest area. This has contributed to providing quality water to the inhabitants of Hidalgo State in Mexico.



### Eco-tourism

The activities implemented by this community are helping to promote the mental health of citizens by offering a recreation space in the Presa del Llano Park, as well as maintaining and conserving important areas for rural tourism activities.

In addition, they have established interpretive hiking on the surface.

**Would you like to integrate this project into your climate strategy?**

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