

The Impact of the Public Policies in the Forestry Sector on the Care and Productive Capacity of the Forest

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I will carry out my field practicum in Oaxaca, Mexico with CIIDIR-IPN (Centro Interdisciplinario de Investigaci3n para el Desarrollo Integral Regional é Instituto Politecnico Nacional), to analyze the impact of public policies within the forest sector, specifically in the State of Oaxaca, primarily in the areas of productive capacity and forest care. My practicum will analyze the new forest law being implemented in Mexico to determine its positive and negative attributes with regards to the forest sector. It will be necessary to work with different stakeholders including communities and ejidos of the Mixteca region of Oaxaca, the public sector, CONAFOR, the academic sector and, if is possible, the commercial sector involved in the commercialization of wood products. Diverse sources of information will be consulted including legal documents and interviews with the aforementioned sectors will also be carried out.

My practicum will explore if public policies respond to the needs of the forest sector. Are laws updated in a continuous fashion to favor the forest sector? This work will be timely since the new General Law on Sustainable Forest Development was approved on March 7, 2017, and the country is embarking on a new phase, making it necessary to shed light on the likely impact it will have. The opinions and perspectives of different actors involved in the forestry sector will be important inputs into this analysis.

Objectives

General objective

Prepare an analysis of the potential impacts of new public policies (new forest law) on the forestry sector

Determine the perception of different actors (representatives of communities and ejidos, CONAFOR officials, academics, and perhaps people involved in the commercialization and processing of timber) with respect to the potential impacts of the new law.

- What are the potential benefits of the new law?
- What problems can the new forest law generate?

Analyze the most important policy implications of the new forest law in the forestry sector

- Will new public policies generate benefits in the forestry sector?
- Is there a gap between the application of public policies applied and the needs of the t sector?