



# SABERES PROGRAM, TERRITORIAL PLANNING AND FINANCIAL INNOVATION FOR INCREASING MEXICO'S RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE



# **NBS ANSWERS**

## How has IICA integrated NbS into its projects?

Sustainable use of natural resources: Sites with potential for tourism services such as waterfalls, caves and trails have been mapped, promoting the alternative and sustainable use of these resources.

Conservation and environmental recovery practices: The Conscious Tourism initiative seeks to rescue and strengthen the community's natural and cultural heritage, incorporating ecosystem-based adaptation practices.

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# **Objective**

Improve the capacity of organizations and small rural producers to adapt their production systems and territories to new climatic conditions.

#### What lessons learned can you share about collaboration with farmers to implement NbS?

- -The leading role of the subjects of development in diagnosis, planning and management are key to participation, commitment and ownership of sustainable processes.
- -The rescue and valorization of cultural traditions strengthen territorial identity and the revaluation of water and soil resources.
- -The need to ensure social cohesion through community projects and consultative councils.
- -Technical training and continuous accompaniment to support the decisions of the subjects of development are key to the adoption of new productive, organizational and conservation practices.
- -Organizational strengthening: improving social cohesion and local governance allows for better natural resource management.

# What examples of innovation in NbS can you share from your experience at IICA?

Rainwater harvesting and storage: This practice ensures the supply of water for domestic and agricultural use, reducing dependence on external sources. Bioconstruction: Use of regional biodegradable materials for construction, promoting sustainability and reducing environmental impact.

Promotion of alternative uses: Development of interpretive trails, cycling circuits, and camping experiences, mitigating illegal logging and hunting.

### How are you promoting NbS education and training among farmers?

Courses and workshops: Workshops have been held on first aid and safety protocols, as well as specific training on sustainable practices such as the use of dry toilets and composting.

Exchange of experiences: Exchange and technical training tours have been organized to share knowledge and successful practices among farmers and other project stakeholders.