
**PROJECT
TITLE:****IMPROVING THE MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF
FORESTS, PROTECTED AREAS AND WATERSHEDS IN THE
CONTEXT OF CLIMATE CHANGE**

Countries/ IOs	Germany, Costa Rica, Morocco
Other partners:	Fundación de Cooperación para el Desarrollo Sostenible
Objective:	The project aimed at: (a) improving the management of watersheds in Costa Rica using Moroccan expertise; (b) adapting and consolidating the existing initiatives in Costa Rica to prevent forest fires; (c) contributing to the protection of biodiversity in Morocco through eco-tourism and the development of value chains, improving rural communities' socio-economic situation in a sustainable way; and (d) using the experience of Costa Rica in Payment for Ecosystem Services to design a scheme in Morocco.
Description of activities related to the case story topic:	Based on Morocco's experience, two pilot projects were realized in watershed areas in Costa Rica. Furthermore, national initiatives for preventing forest fires were adapted and consolidated. In Morocco, Costa Rica's experience served as the basis for two pilot projects that helped protecting biodiversity in the national parks of Souss Massa and Toubkal. At the same time, ecotourism and the development of value chains sustainably improved the local population's socioeconomic situation. Costa Rica's experience with payments for forest environmental services enhanced the development of Morocco's Forest Partnership Initiative and the system used to finance it. Germany contributed the expertise it has gained through bilateral development co-operation, specifically with regard to methodology and organisation.
Budget:	USD 900 000 (each partner: USD 300 000)
Project period:	2013-16

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