

Veracruz State Climate Change Action Plan

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Project Background

Project Details

Project Implementation

Since 2005, the Mexican Government has been directing the states to develop climate change plans. In 2007, the President released climate change priority strategies for developing both mitigation and adaptation actions. Veracruz was selected as the first state to lead this process. The Government and the State of Veracruz developed the Veracruz Program Against Climate Change and asked Veracruz University to lead the development of the action plan.

To create the Veracruz Climate Action Plan, a series of selected studies were used to demonstrate the vulnerability of the region's biophysical systems, economy, and society. Climate change scenarios were created using observed data from thirty years (1961-1990). Project leads looked at greenhouse gas emissions, climate models, vulnerability assessments, and economic and social impacts from increased temperatures.

In the plan, sea level rise is identified as the greatest threat to the coastal region, especially to Veracruz's natural resources, power industry, and built environment. The plan includes a series of objectives and actions with associated estimated costs; the plan was released in 2008 to the Government of Veracruz, which ultimately will have to prioritize implementation of the mitigation and adaptation strategies.

Project Outcomes and Conclusions

This project resulted in Mexico's first state climate change action plan. Although revisions will need to be made with regards to clarifications on the criteria, objectives, actions, and feasibility, it represents a first step in the direction Veracruz needs to take to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

Effort Stage:

[Completed](#)

Timeframe:

[3-5 years](#)

Impact/Vulnerability Assessment:

Conducted

Information for Vulnerability Assessment/Planning:

[Literature - peer-reviewed scientific](#)

[Models: atmospheric / oceanographic](#)

[Models: ecosystem / species](#)

[Models: sociological](#)

[IPCC](#)

[Scientific expert knowledge](#)

Barriers to Action:

Lack of economic resources

Lack of technological resources

Facilitating Factors:

Stable funding

Measuring Success:

[No plans for measuring success](#)

Status**Status:**

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