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# Training for Conservation



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# Park Rangers (Guardaparques) Are CONANP's Biggest Asset







## PROJECT BACKGROUND

In 2013, the USFWS approached CONANP with the idea of launching a midterm training program for Mexico's park rangers: ***“Training for Conservation”***.

- Initially envisioned as a training program, today it is an **institutional** capacity building program for our Park Rangers.
- The USFWS triggered an institutional process to further recognize the value of park rangers and the need to further invest in professionalizing their work.



**GOAL:** To train CONANP's 500 park rangers to gain training and expertise in critical protected area management issues.

**INITIAL TARGET:** 5 training workshops for 100 Park Rangers.



## PROJECT BACKGROUND

- Due to the success of the first round of workshops and the enthusiasm of Park Rangers with this initiative, CONANP decided to allocate additional resources to enhance the program.
- Thanks to this synergy, **200 park rangers** working in 106 NPAs, from 9 Regionals Directions of CONANP, have been trained during **8 training workshops** and online sessions.

*These workshops have created a space, where the Park Rangers across the country have the opportunity to share experiences, learn, and meet their peers.*





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# METHODOLOGY

Two mechanisms:

1. In-person training workshops.
2. Online courses and lectures presented at the workshops.







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# Enthusiastic Groups of Park Rangers !



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# First National Meeting of CONANP Park Rangers, June 2014.

1<sup>er</sup> Encuentro Nacional de  
**Guardaparques**  
México



**110 Park Rangers** from 9  
Regional Directions of  
CONANP and PAs from  
all over the country



National Commissioner,  
General Directors, PA  
Managers participated.



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# “Training for Conservation” Outputs

- 8 National Workshops.
- 200 Park Rangers trained.
- 106 PAs represented.
- 9 Regional offices represented.
- Online platform with tools and lectures.
- First National Park Rangers Meeting.
- Synergies with international, national, and local stakeholders.

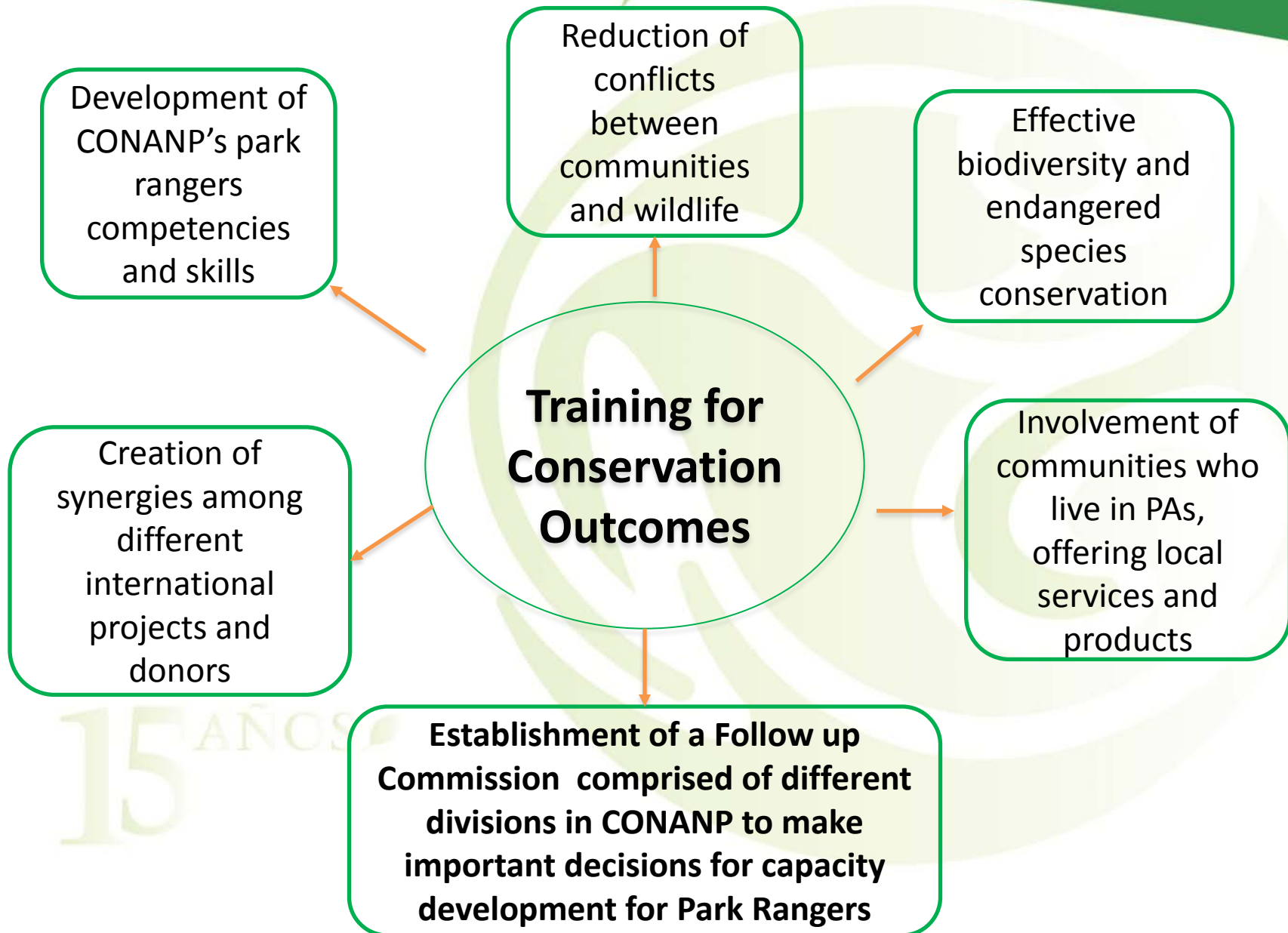






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## Long-Term Opportunities and Challenges

- Strengthening Park Rangers and local stakeholders capacity for conservation.
- Aligning training topics with CONANP's **2040 Conservation Strategy**.
- Participating in the World Park Rangers' Congress (2015)
- Increase the level of involvement and support of international and national partners and donors.
- Ensuring coexistence among local communities and wildlife.
- Constantly updating online tools and topics with new emergent conservation challenges.
- **Biggest Challenge:** Heavy budget cuts in the Mexican federal government have resulted in less financial resources and reduction of personnel.





# Training for Conservation Video





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# Thank you!



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