

7.5. Training on “creating local capacity for *Ordenamiento Territorial*” in Ecuador, the use of the participatory planning methodology and MapMaker software

Objectives

Based on our experience on the *Ordenamiento Territorial*, some Ecuadorian institutions asked us to elaborate adapted training material and give our technical support through training courses. These aimed at orienting the processes of occupation and transformation of the provincial territory by allowing stakeholders to clearly identify their visions, possible actions, and partnerships, while considering the territory’s strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. They were also aimed at developing a local capacity to plan development, using principles of equity, sustainability, and competitiveness.

Methodology and Results

We developed a CD-ROM containing the legal aspects of “*Ordenamiento Territorial*” in Ecuador, the methodology to follow up the process of the land use planning, the visions-actions-requests participatory planning methodology (VAR), and an introduction to cartography, remote sensing, and GIS using the MapMaker software. This was an adaptation to the Ecuadorian context of materials presented in Annex 32 of the PE-4 Annual Report 2000, which have otherwise been updated through the various training courses given since.

We gave four 1-week training courses, which are summarized in Table 5. Each course was the object of an evaluation by the participants. These courses were entirely funded by the provincial councils hosting the events.

Table 5. Summary of training courses given for *Ordenamiento Territorial*, how to use MapMaker software, and the participatory planning methodology developed in Ecuador, 2002.

Host organization	Location	Date	No. participants
Consejo Provincial de Tungurahua	Ambato	5-9 Aug	30
Consejo Provincial de Los Rios	Babahoyo	12-16 Aug	22
Consejo Provincial del Carchi	Tulcán	19-23 Aug	30
Consejo Provincial de Azuay	Esmeraldas	26-30 Aug	20

Outputs

Through this training, we provided potential planners with a synthesis of necessary steps, simplified approaches, and tools that can make the planning process easier and more straightforward. This should improve the pertinence and the quality of the land use plans prepared in Ecuador, and stimulate constructive reviews of previously elaborated plans (“Planes de Desarrollo Provincial”).

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