



Human population, socio-economic activities and social-environmental problems of Protected Natural Areas of Mexico

Población humana, actividades socioeconómicas y problemáticas socioambientales de las Áreas Naturales Protegidas (ANP) de México

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Abstract:

This work includes a descriptive review of the basic social aspects of a protected natural area (PNA) and of the human populations settled in the PNAs in the country where approximately 3.9% of the Mexican population lives in them. The main socioeconomic activities developed by the inhabitants of PNAs and their most representative socioenvironmental issues are categorized. Just over 80% of the communities located within the geographical limits of the PNAs are populated with less than 15,000 people. This eminent rurality determines the current and potential conditions, especially the actions of rural development and resource management in all PNAs of Mexico by local residents. Undoubtedly, the solution of the socioenvironmental problems described, as well as improving life quality of local inhabitants, must be achieved through local actions of rural sustainable development.

Key words: Protected Natural Areas, human population, local inhabitants, indigenous, socioeconomic activities, socioenvironmental problems, rurality.

Resumen

El presente trabajo incluye una descripción de los aspectos sociales básicos de las ANP: se hace una revisión de la población humana de las ANP del país. Aproximadamente el 3.9% de la

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