

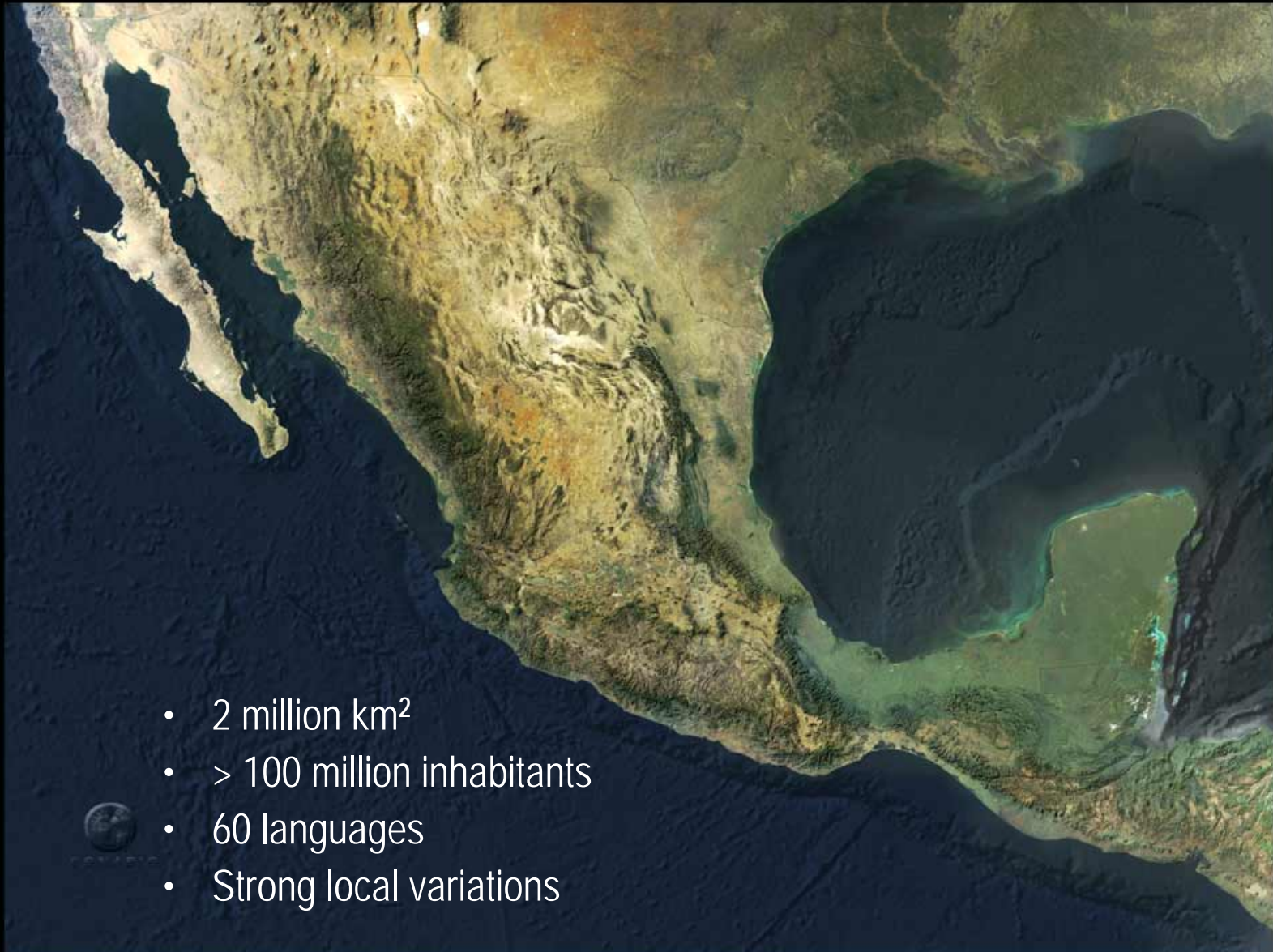
Local Implementation of the CBD in Mexico: State Biodiversity Strategies.

National Commission for the Knowledge and Use of
Biodiversity

(CONABIO)



Mexico: a Megadiverse country



- 2 million km²
- > 100 million inhabitants
- 60 languages
- Strong local variations



State Biodiversity Strategies (SBS)

- Strategic Planning Process
- State level
 - Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity
 - Greater resolution than the NBSAP
- Federalization in the implementation of the CBD in Mexico
- Takes into account social, cultural, political and environmental differences



GENERAL OBJECTIVE

To formulate long term public policies to promote conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in harmony with economic and social growth and development.



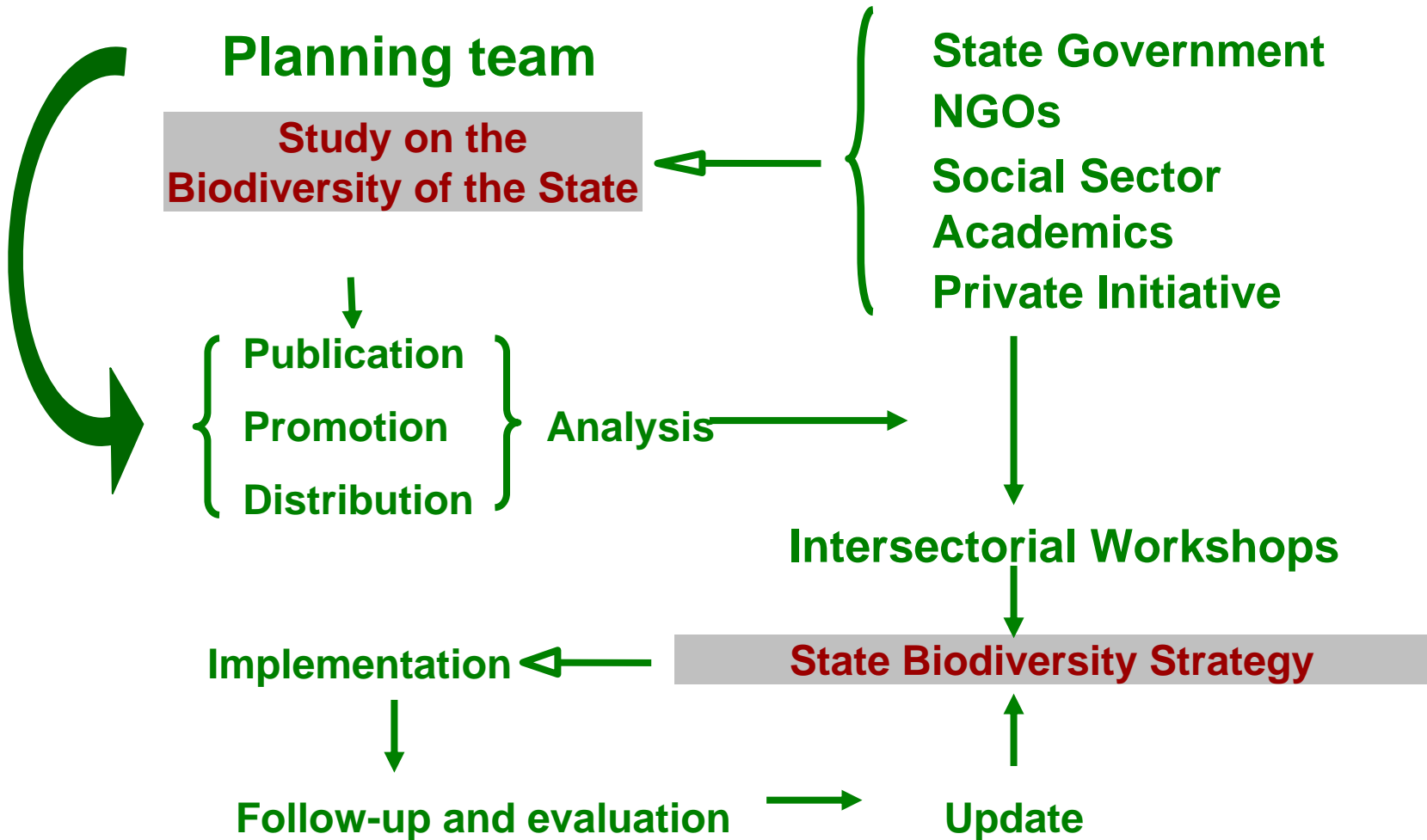
Long term vision of the SBS

Taking into account each state special circumstances and idiosyncrasy, the implementation of the SBSs attempts to:

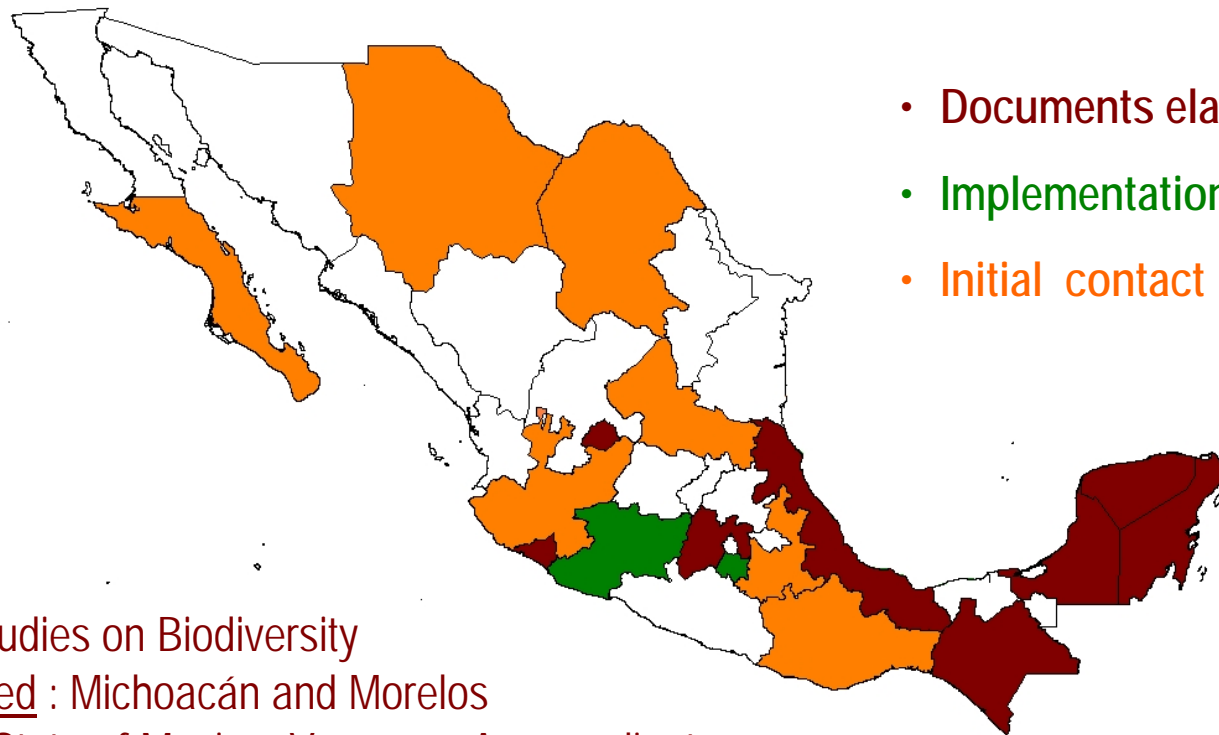
- Develop **planning tools** at the adequate scale (state) to **make decisions** regarding the management of biological resources.
- Promote the establishment of **State Information System on Biodiversity** (as part of the National Information System on Biodiversity)
- Consolidate the **State Natural Protected Area (NPA's) systems complementary to Federal**
- Establish state programs for **environmental education and dissemination of information** on the importance of biodiversity. Including activities for Biodiversity's day
- Integrate and harmonize **conservation and sustainable use initiatives**.
- Promote generation or update of **local biodiversity legislation**, and equal distribution of the benefits of conservation and the use of biodiversity.
- Improve the **scientific, cultural and political exchange** of biodiversity related information at different scales.



SBS Process



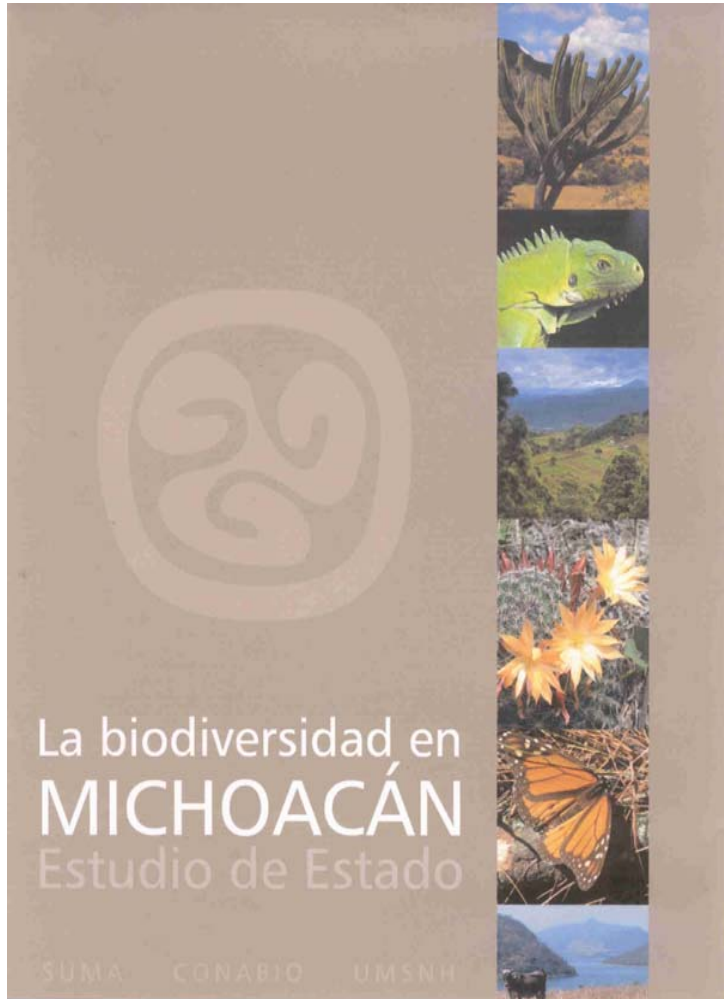
States in the Process of preparing Biodiversity Studies and Strategies



- Documents elaboration
- Implementation activities
- Initial contact

- Eight State-level Studies on Biodiversity
 - Two Published : Michoacán and Morelos
 - In Process: State of Mexico, Veracruz, Aguascalientes, Colima, Quintana Roo, Yucatán, Campeche, Chiapas
- Two finished Strategies: Morelos and Michoacán.
- Initial Contacs: Baja California Sur, Jalisco, San Luis Potosí, Coahuila, Puebla, Chihuahua, Oaxaca





SBSs, some accomplishments...

| State | Results |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Morelos | <p>2001.- Point of agreement by the local congress, subscribing the NBSAP 2003.- Point of agreement by the local congress subscribing and giving support 2005.- Budget to develop implementation activities for the strategy 2006.- State Study</p> |
| Michoacán | <p>2003-2005.- Communication campaign for the International Day of Biodiversity (3 years) ➤ Poster and photo contest ➤ Seminar Voices for the life, Letter for the Earth 2005.- State Study, workshops to formulate the SBS 2006.- Workshops to validate the SBS 2007.- Publication of the SBS</p> |
| México | <p>2003.- Expert workshop on state biodiversity 2005 -2007. State biodiversity Code</p> |
| Veracruz | <p>2005.- Seminar on the biodiversity of Veracruz Expert workshop on the Study of biodiversity in Veracruz</p> |
| South – Southeast Region (5) | <p>2006.- Merida declaration: joint agreement by the environmental authorities of Oaxaca, Chiapas, Yucatán, Campeche and Quintana Roo to begin with their SBSs. 2007.- Collaboration agreement in Yucatan and Campeche, expert workshops to elaborate the SS</p> |
| Aguascalientes | <p>2006.- Collaboration agreement, expert workshops to elaborate the SS</p> |
| Colima | <p>2006.- Collaboration agreement, 2007.- Expert workshops to elaborate the SS</p> |



Regional approach, Mérida Declaration, March 13th, 2006

Establish a joint strategy for the design and integration of Biodiversity Studies and State Biodiversity Strategies in the South – Southeast region of Mexico, incorporating the ecosystem approach with wide participation from society and promotion of public information.

Such strategies, based on the National Biodiversity Strategy framework, aims to document the situation of biodiversity in each of the participating states, identify priorities and co-responsibility, and develop a matrix for the generation and implementation of sectorial public policies to achieve the objectives of the CBD and its 2010 goals as well as the Millennium goals.

Signed by the Environmental Authorities of Yucatan, Campeche, Quintana Roo, Oaxaca and Chiapas, scientific Institutions, UNDP-SGP, CONABIO, SEMARNAT, the SDG, Pronatura, CONANP, among others.



Federal Actors



State Actors

- State Government
- State legislators
- Academic Institutions
- Research Institutions
- OSC
- Consultive Councils
- Manufacturing Organizations
- Industrial Councils



CONABIO'S role in the SBSs

- Establish contact with state institutions related to conservation.
- Provide technical-scientific information to assist in the preparation of the State Study.
- Provide adequate assistance during processes, institutional support, terms of reference for the process and advice on the implementation of each phase.
- Promote fund raising to sponsor state processes.
- Facilitate communication between states, federal agencies and international forums.



The identification of biodiversity conservation status through the State Studies; conservation priorities, sustainable use opportunities and appropriate public policies through the State Strategies, will give each State the chance to accomplish 2010 targets and Millennium Goals, however, there is still a need of funds to support the processes in the long run.



SBS's process and implementation requires:

- Political will
- Broad Participation
- Commitment
- Continuity in particular with Governmental changes.
- Patience
- Networking
- Frienship



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Thank You!

