

FIDECOAGUA — Coatepec's Municipal Water Trust for Cloud-Forest Conservation (Mexico)

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Quality score: 47/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Since 2002/2003, a municipal water-tariff trust in Coatepec, Veracruz has paid forest owners to conserve cloud forest in the Gavilanes watershed — Mexico's first local hydrological-services scheme, now paying 177 owners for 1,333 ha, with corporate co-financing since 2012.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	1/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	1/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	2/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-07-23

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