



Fundación Humedales

Bogotá - Colombia



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Description

Fundación Humedales is a Colombian NGO established according to national laws. It is devoted to encouraging social processes regarding the management of territories, ecosystems and natural resources, with special emphasis on wetlands, barren plains, and aquatic ecosystems in general. It has a strong scientific foundation, for its members have an extensive professional experience in the fields of basic biology, ecology, conservation biology and fishing biology, as well as in the matters of environmental education, conflict resolution and sustainable development. This organization has particular and notorious experience in planning and managing protected areas of different kinds. Besides its experience in Colombia, it has participated in processes with regard to its mission, in regional programs in the Andes (Peru, Ecuador and Venezuela.) This has allowed it to execute more than thirty projects with National and International support.



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Mission:

To contribute to the conservation and sustainable utilization of aquatic ecosystems, working along with local communities

Objetives:

All the activities and efforts of Fundación Humedales aim to preserve and manage the aquatic ecosystems under an ecosystemic approach, allowing the wellbeing of local communities to be compatible with healthy, sustainable environments. On the other hand, it seeks to empower the local communities through participative strategies and involving them in conservation projects

Lines of Action:

Fundación Humedales works under the ecosystemic approach following the following lines of action

Knowledge base and monitoring of ecosystems and biodiversity

Through a **Participative monitoring system** – SMP for its name in Spanish, identify any changes in lake Fuquene regarding its state, condition, or internal processes, stating if they are natural or correspond to human action.

It embraces any changes that may arise regarding management objectives.

Public awareness and environmental education

It informs the community about the lake's uses and benefits, hoping to build awareness and appropriation of the environment.

It also offers training about conservation processes in the wetlands



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Organization and training

To strengthen the base of the community, where the self-management and undertaking spirit lies.

Conservations of species and ecosystems

Protect biodiversity.

Preserve species of native fauna and flora –endemic and threatened- of lake Fúquene along with the environment that sustains it.

Preserve native forest species in the Basin of Fúquene

Sustainable use of natural resources and productive systems

Profiting marsh vegetation present at lake Fúquene to create handicrafts under a sustainable approach.

Profiting aquatic weeds (buchón and elodea) at lake Fúquene to create an organic fertilizer, helping to keep the lake clean.

Production of native forest species to continue processes of restoration and reforestation.

