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Learn More About Protected Natural Areas (PNAs)

PNAs are geographic spaces of great importance for the conservation of biodiversity, natural resources, and ecosystem services.

Protected Natural Areas and National Parks play a crucial role in:

- **Conserving threatened and endangered species.**
- **Maintaining ecosystem services**, such as climate regulation and the water cycle.
- **Promoting sustainable tourism** and **environmental education.**
- **Protecting the country's cultural and natural heritage.**

By exploring these wonderful spaces, you not only have the opportunity to enjoy their natural beauty, but also to actively contribute to the conservation of the habitats and species they contain.

Each visit to a PNA is a chance to connect with nature, learn about local flora and fauna, and be part of a movement that seeks to protect and preserve our environment. By learning about and promoting these areas, we are taking important steps toward a more sustainable and environmentally respectful future.

In Mexico, PNAs are divided into several **categories**, such as:

- ✓ **Biosphere Reserves:** Areas that conserve natural ecosystems and promote scientific research.
- ✓ **National Parks:** Protected spaces recognised for their scenic beauty, scientific importance, and educational value.
- ✓ **Flora and Fauna Protection Areas:** Regions that safeguard the sustainable use of natural resources.
- ✓ **Natural Resource Protection Areas:** Regions that ensure the sustainable use of natural resources.
- ✓ **Natural Monuments:** Zones that protect specific and unique natural features.
- ✓ **Sanctuaries:** Areas with high biological richness or significant natural phenomena.
- ✓ **Voluntarily Designated Conservation Areas:** Protected Natural Areas established through the initiatives of Indigenous communities, social organisations, or public and private entities to dedicate their lands to conservation efforts.



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In Mexico, the National Commission of Natural Protected Areas (CONANP) currently manages **232 federally designated Protected Natural Areas**, covering a total of **98,000,719 hectares**. It also supports **602 Voluntarily Designated Conservation Areas**, spanning **1,233,890 hectares** across 29 federal entities.

Explore the Map of the [232 Natural Protected Areas here](#).

