

Dos Ríos

Climate-Smart Landscape Conservation Design



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Landscape Conservation Design

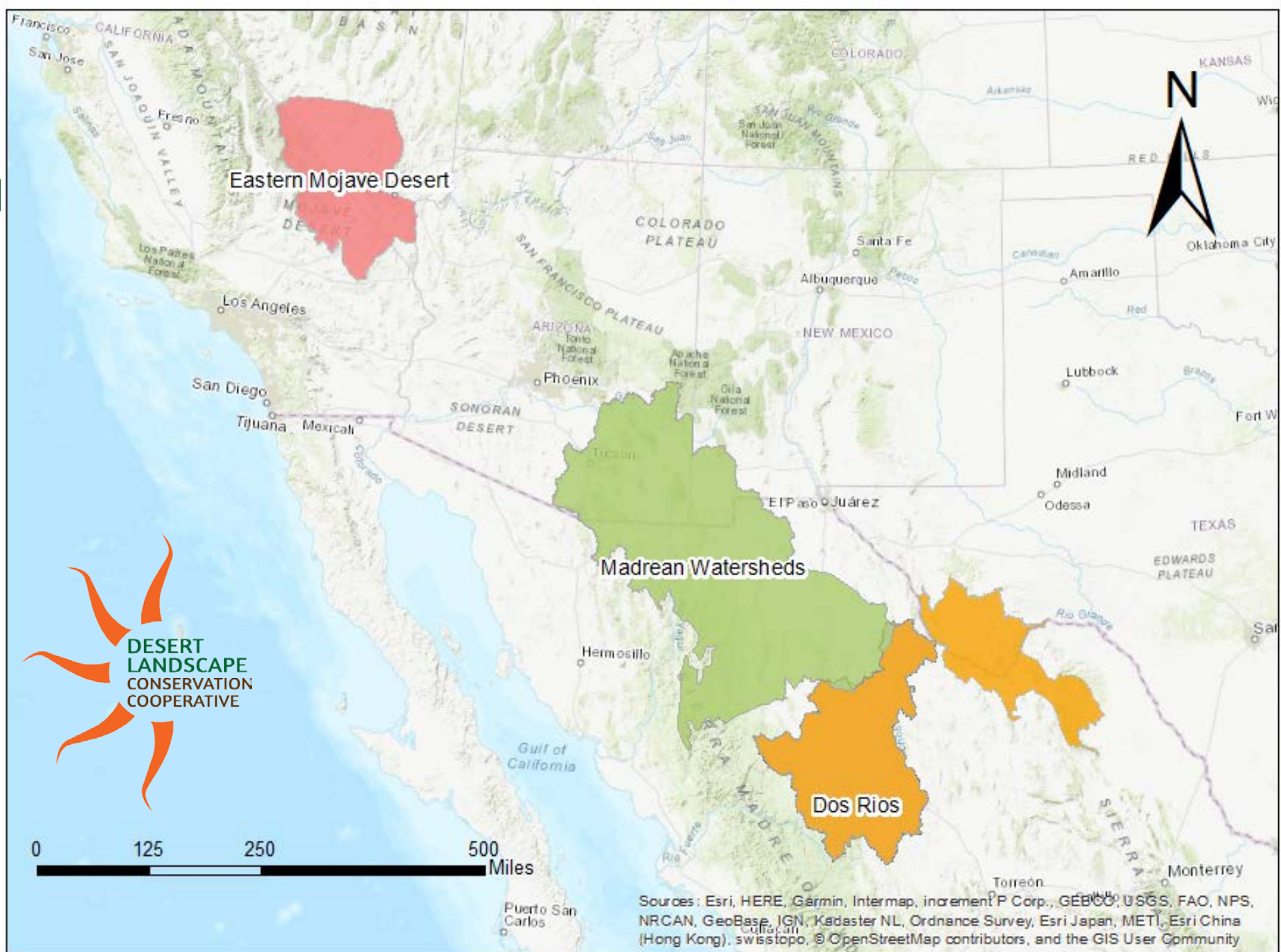
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- Planning to meet conservation partners' *and stakeholders'* missions, mandates, and goals
- Ensure sustainability of ecosystems across large landscapes
- Collaborative process
 - Measurable objectives
 - Biological goals
 - Socio-ecological goals



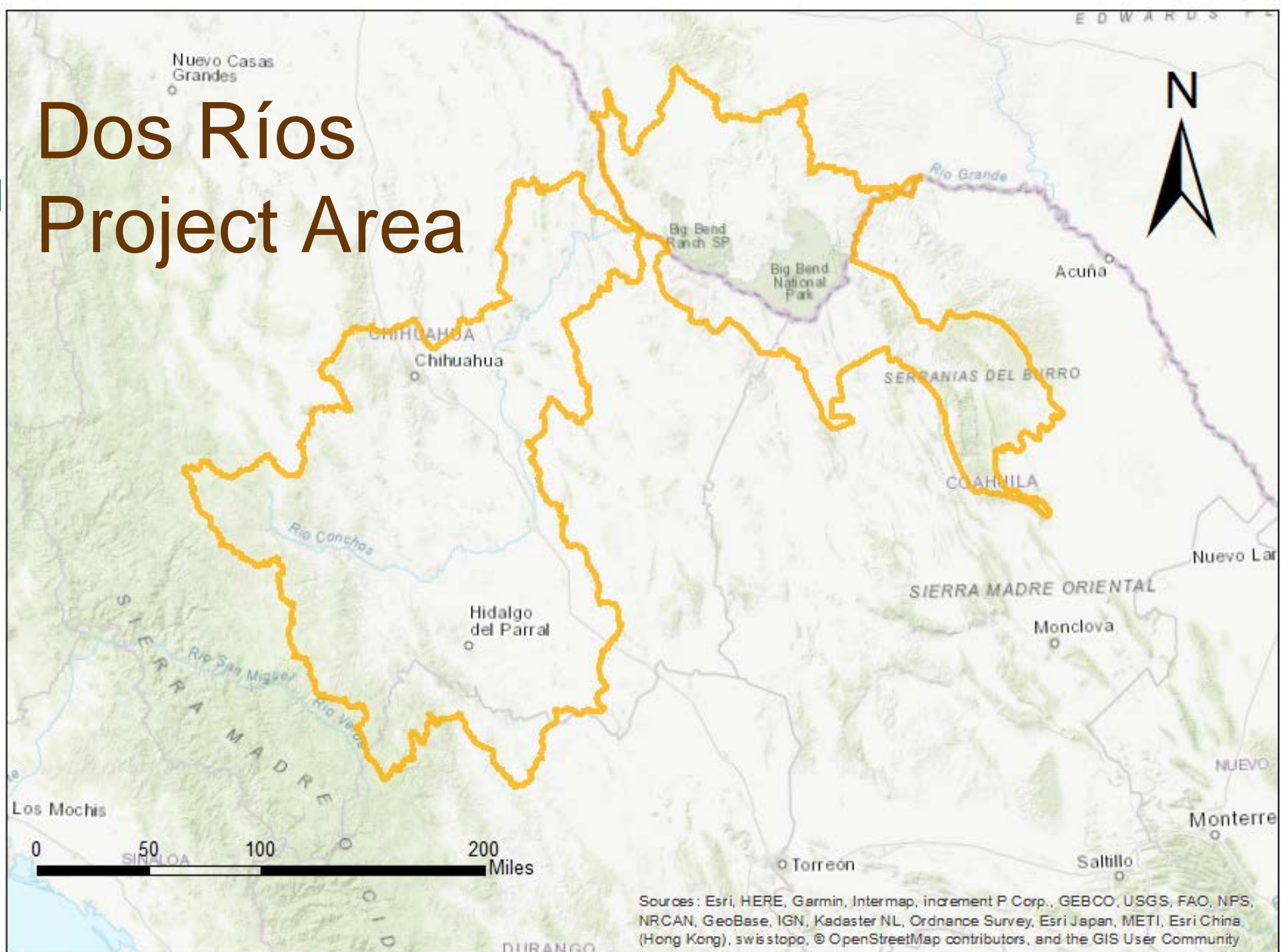
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	Traditional planning	LCD Characteristics
People	Agents represent single institutions	Cross-jurisdictional, multi-sector representation
	"Internal" coordination/facilitation	Bridging entity (impartial 3 rd party) coordinates
Purpose	Achieve agent's mission, mandates, goals	Achieve partners mission, mandates, goals
	Agent-specific learning and decision-making	Social learning and decision-making
Process	Agent-centric	Partner-centric
	Within institutional boundaries	Beyond institutional boundaries
	Regulatory	Collaborative
	Partners provide input to process/products	Partners direct process/products
	Science informs single-agent programs & strategies	Science informs multiple partner programs & strategies
	Vertical/agent specific decision-making	Strategic, collaborative decision-making
Products	Determined by agent	Determined by partners
	Text, maps, data	Same, plus decision-support tools, cooperative agreements, etc.
	Directs site-specific action	Provides landscape-scale strategic guidance



Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, Intermap, increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), swisstopo, © OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

Dos Ríos Project Area



Landscape Conservation Design Process

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- Vision statement and goals
- Identifying indicators for planning and monitoring
- Spatial analysis
- Scenario planning, including climate change
- Adaptive strategies
- Conservation design/blueprint

We are building on an existing foundation of trust and binational, collaborative conservation.



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Dos Ríos Landscape

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- Borderlands of the Chihuahuan Desert
 - Grasslands
 - Riparian & aquatic ecosystems
- Large tracts of unfragmented land
 - Public and private land stewardship
 - Impacted by increasing resource and land development
- Strong public-private conservation partnerships
- Without broad-scale planning, we risk:
 - Damaging grasslands (wildlife, hunting, livestock, ranching, tourism)
 - Damaging areas that recharge aquifers (ecosystems, municipalities, agricultural, wildlife)
 - Reduced quality of life

Dos Ríos: Building on Previous Work

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- Big Bend-Rio Bravo Conservation Assessment, Commission for Environmental Cooperation (2010 – 2013)
- Desert Grasslands Assessment, Bird Conservancy of the Rockies
- Manejo Integradado de la Cuenca del Río Conchos, World Wildlife Fund



Dos Ríos: Opportunities for Collaboration

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- Binational cooperation
- Engaging and acquiring support from diverse partners
- Watershed (and water) management and conservation
- Establishing incentives for ecosystem services
- Developing innovative systems for collaboration
- Invasive species control
- Technology and information transfer

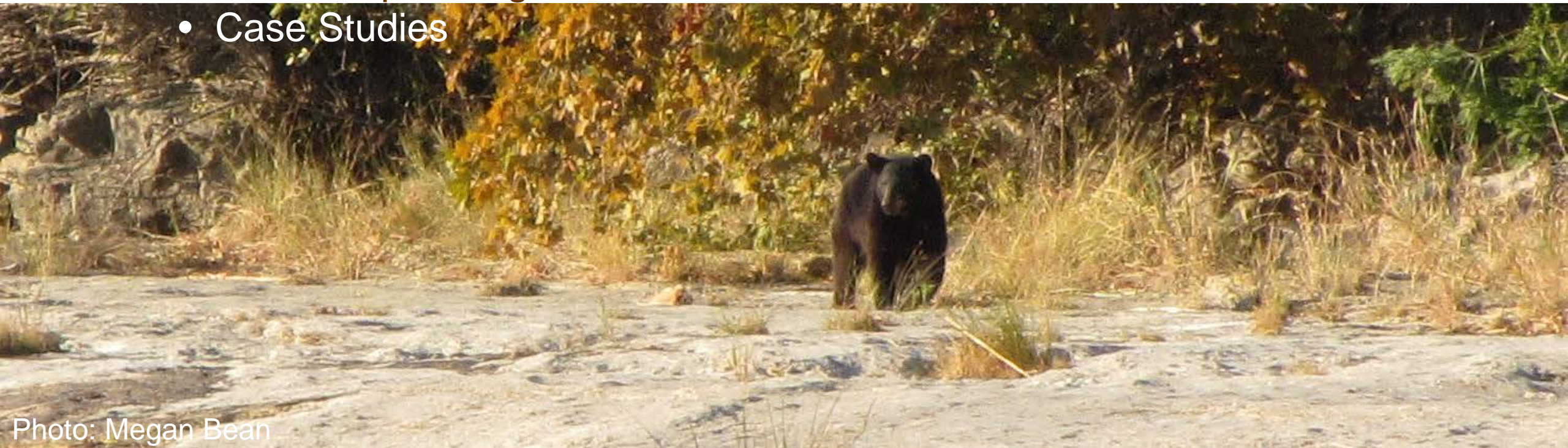


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Dos Ríos: Progress & Next Steps

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- Hired coordinator, hosted binational meetings
- Next steps
 - Developing efficient indicator process
 - Hosting workshops, building on past efforts
 - Scenario planning
 - Case Studies

































Collaborative Conservation & Adaptation Strategy Toolbox

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Case Studies organized by key priorities

 <p>Collaboration</p> <p>Gallery of Case Studies related to Collaboration</p>  	 <p>Cultural Resources</p> <p>Gallery of Case Studies related to Cultural Resources</p>  	 <p>Desert Wildlife</p> <p>Gallery of Case Studies related to Desert Wildlife</p>  	 <p>Grasslands and Shrublands</p> <p>Gallery of Case Studies related to Grasslands and Shrublands</p>  	 <p>Landscape conservation design</p> <p>Gallery of Case Studies related to Landscape conservation design</p>  
 <p>Landscape scale monitoring</p> <p>Gallery of Case Studies related to Landscape scale monitoring</p>  	 <p>Riparian and aquatic ecosystems</p> <p>Gallery of Case Studies related to Riparian and aquatic ecosystems</p>  	 <p>Socioeconomics</p> <p>Gallery of Case Studies related to Socioeconomics</p>  	 <p>Water Resources</p> <p>Gallery of Case Studies related to Water Resources</p>  	 <p>Working Lands</p> <p>Gallery of Case Studies related to Working Lands</p>  

Dos Ríos: Challenges & Lessons Learned

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- Collaboration doesn't happen without trust
- Coordination is key (cat herders are required)
- Continuity and connections are important
- Funding sources can be fickle
- Patience and persistence are essential

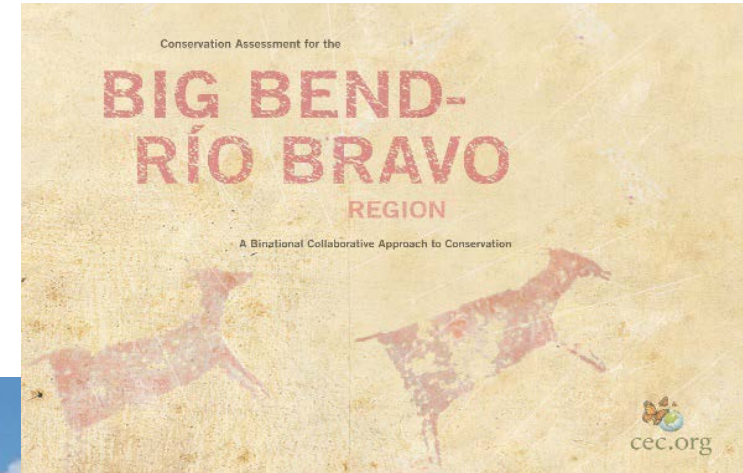


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Dos Ríos: Looking Forward

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- Challenges we will continue working together to address:
 - How can we promote more sustainable use of water?
 - How can we support private landowners and ejidos in managing grasslands and wetlands sustainably?
 - How can we maintain connectivity of habitats for wildlife?
 - How will ecosystems and species respond to shifting climate conditions?
 - *How can we engage the energy development sector in landscape conservation design?*



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Questions?

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