

Management Plan

The San Lorenzo Protected Area now has a valuable tool used for zoning, land use and regulation of the activities that are being developed in the area, The Management Plan. This document has been elaborated by the CEPESA consulting firm, with the combined effort of the National Environment Authority, the Interoceanic Regional Authority, the National Culture Institute, and the Panamanian Tourism Institute, with input from the Panama Canal Authority and the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, CEASPA and other non governmental organizations and people interested in the development and appropriate management of the resources of the area. One of the main aspects in the Management Plan is the proposal for the change of category of the area to National Park. The main management objectives are:

- The conservation of a significant sample of ecosystems
- Development of research and education activities.
- Support for ecotourism activities as a focus for community development
- Support to other economic activities in the buffer zone
- Increasing participation in decision-making
- Training included in all the management programs
- All activities concerning Fort San Lorenzo itself will be based on the site plan

The Management Plan also shows the zoning approved, which applies to the different programs and subprograms proposed and their respective activities.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Chapter I: Basic Description

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2. Regional context: Localization; Provincial Physical Characteristics; Economic Synthesis, Agricultural, Industrial, Commercial and Service Activities Synthesis of the Origin of the Population of the Province; Advances of the Agricultural Frontier in the province of Colon; The Area of Sherman, Relation to the SLPA; Firing Ranges.

3. The Study Site: Localization; Social Characteristics, Physical Characteristics; Biological Characteristic; Tourist Capacity in the Chagres River; Contingent Valuation of the SLPA; SWOT; Recreation and Scenery Management for the SLPA.

Chapter II: Orientations of the Management Plan

1. Introduction

2. Constituent elements of the Orientations of the Management Plan: Critical Areas; Mission and Vision of the SLPA; Approaches and Proposals for the Selection of the Category of Management; Objectives of the San Lorenzo National Park; Zoning; Approaches for the Delimitation of the Area; Institutional Frame for the Management of the SLPA; Financial Strategy; Personnel Structure; Recommendations for Tourist Operators focused in the development of activities of the MP.

3. Programs and Activities: Administration Program; Research Program, Interpretation and Environmental Education; Historical and Cultural Resources Program; Community Development Programs; Follow up and Monitoring Program; it Details of the Programs, Subprogram and Activities; High-priority Activities.

4. Bibliography

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- Land use of the Interoceanic Regional Authority and the Panama Canal Authority ARI and ACP

- Auto mapping Land Use

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Zoning approved by National Environmental Authority (ANAM) and the Interoceanic Regional Authority(ARI) for the San Lorenzo Protected Area

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