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# COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION THEORIES

Applying ideas to Quijos Canton, Napo, Ecuador

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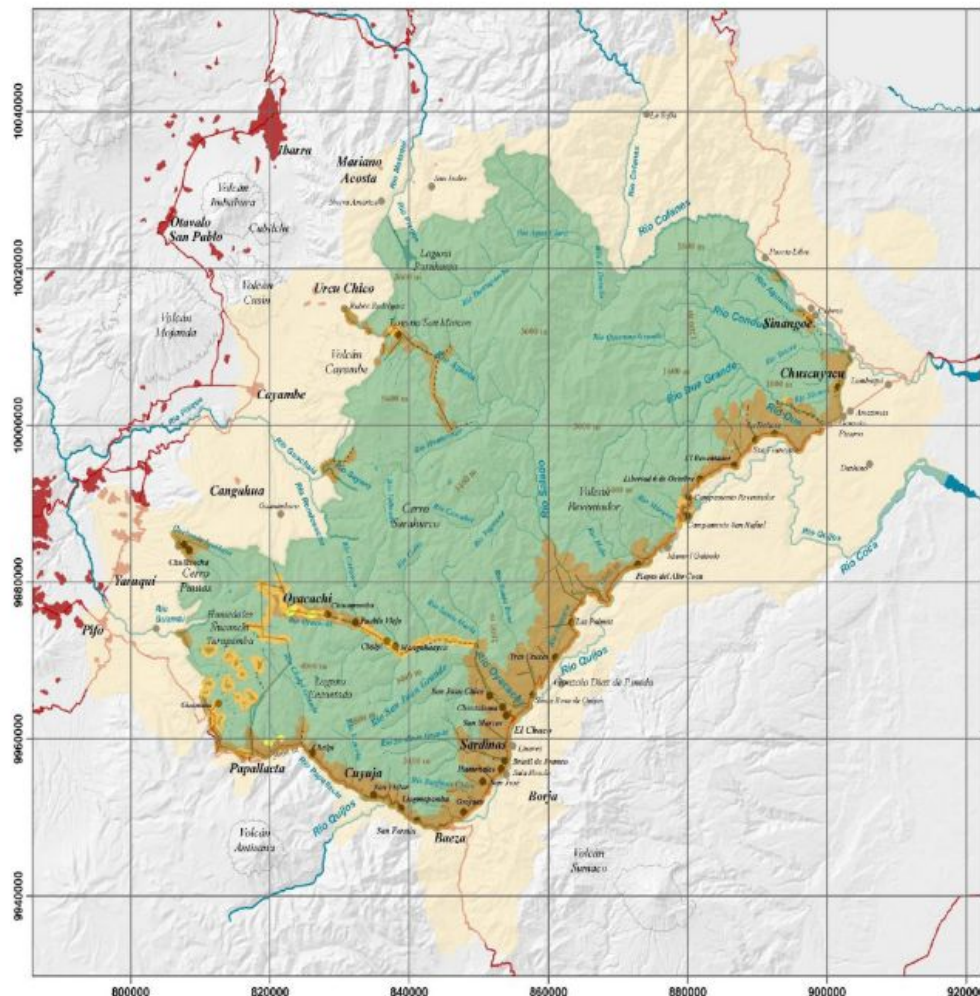
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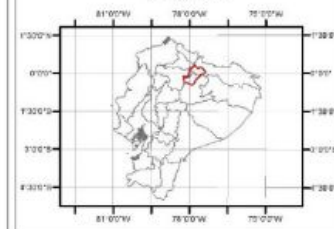
**MOVES**

**PEOPLE?**

# MAPA DE ZONIFICACIÓN DEL PARQUE NACIONAL CAYAMBE



## MAPA DE UBICACIÓN REFERENTE AL ECUADOR



## LEYENDA

### Zonificación

- Zona de Protección
- Zona de Recuperación
- Zona de Uso Público, Turismo y Recreación
- Zona de Uso Sustentable
- Zona de Amortiguamiento

### SIMBOLOGÍA

- Curvas de nivel cada 100m
- Zona Urbana
- Volcanes
- Centros Poblacionales
- Red vial de primer orden
- Red Hidrográfica
- Red vial de segundo orden (corema)
- Rutas Dobles
- Red vial de tercer orden (corema)
- Cuerpos de agua

Escala de representación 1:400.000



Elaboración: Equipo Consultor CEPR, Julio 2018

Escala de impresión: A3

## MINISTERIO DEL AMBIENTE

### MAPA DE ZONIFICACIÓN

#### DIRECCIÓN NACIONAL DE BIODIVERSIDAD

Fuente de escala y de trabajo: IGN - 1:50000  
1:25000, E.T. 2010 (1:25000)  
MTCOP, 2013 (1:50000), INAM, 2012 (Mapa de Ecosistemas del Ecuador 1:100000)

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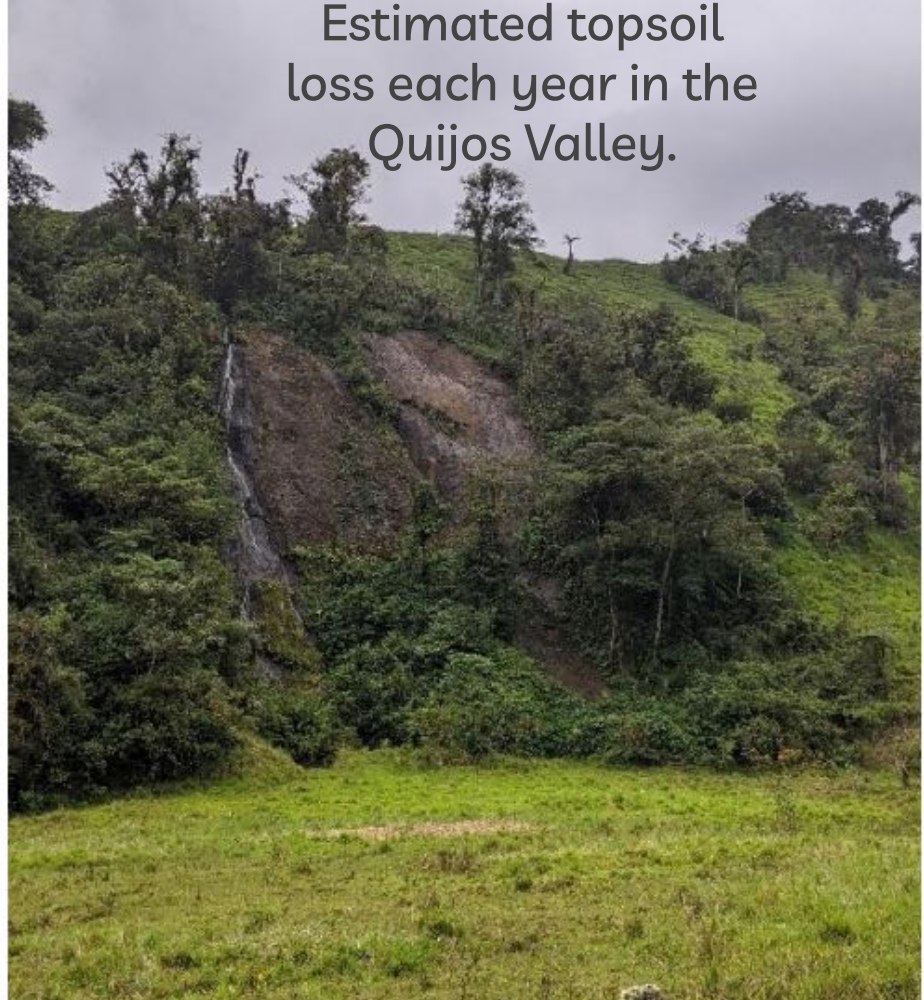




**583,000 TONS**



Estimated topsoil  
loss each year in the  
Quijos Valley.



# POLYCENTRIC THEORY



National Policy

Local regulation

Civil Society

**“In many countries, two centuries of colonization followed by state-run development policy that affected some CPRs has produced great resistance to externally imposed institutions.”**

Ostrom et al 1999. “Revisiting the Commons: Local Lessons, Global Challenges.” *Science*.

# PLACE-ATTACHMENT



## Auto-identification

Identity in Ecuador (or anywhere) is complex to define and fluid over time.


## Migration

Newer communities may have weaker community ties and less interpersonal trust.

## Minga

Even in mestizo communities, the strongest traditions of interdependence and reciprocity are influenced by indigenous cultures.





“No hay quién lidere... todos trabajamos individualmente....  
pero tener una asociación sería excelente.”

**—Marina Arrellano, Owner  
of El Oasis, Sumaco**




# LEADERS

- Often outside the system
- Value civil society
- Provide secondary incentives





A group of people are in a lush green field with large trees. Some are wearing rain ponchos, suggesting it might be raining or has recently rained. They appear to be engaged in an outdoor activity, possibly a field study or a conservation project. The scene is vibrant with green grass and dense foliage.

**“Esta organización es  
diferente porque no  
es impulsada por un  
gobierno.”**

**Sandra Morocho, leader of  
Birdwatchers Quijos**



# THANK YOU! QUESTIONS?

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