Sustainability & Coastal Development

Maintaining Eden - is it possible?

- Nature as a product
- Results
- Protection
- Science
- Tools





Nature as a product

- Caribbean blue waters
- White sandy beaches
- Clear clean cenotes
- Coral reef habitat / species
- Migratory animals
- Lush jungles
- Ecosystems as services







Nature as a product

- Biodiversity
- Habitats

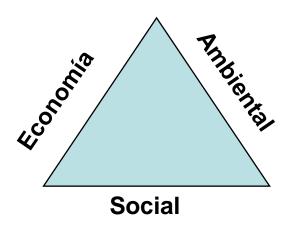




Development that satisfies current needs without jeopardizing the ability of future generations to satisfy their own needs.















Three Basic Lines to consider

- Equality and justice at every level for society.
- Long-term vision Where are we going to be in 20 years?
- Systems Relationships between environment, economy and society.



Sustainability – basic principles

Local economy – local capacity and employment and existing infrastructure.

Environmental Protection – ecosystem focus, natural resource use, land use, waste generation and biodiversity support.

Cultural heritage / environmental quality – protection, preservation and restoration of historical and cultural, including monuments.





Must be defined by each region

 Indicators - taking into account ecosystems, geology, hydrology, culture, history, economic potential, and social needs.







Environmental indicators include:

- Greenhouse gas emissions
- Water consumption per inhabitant
- Waste water treatment
- Yearly reduction in groundwater
- Land use changes
- Recycling and waste reuse indices
- Intensity of coastal marine resource use
- Protected area space as percentage of total land space
- Marine water quality
- Coral reef ecosystem quality
- Quality of fish stocks







Economic Growth in the Mexican Caribbean

Tourism development 772 Hotels in Quintana Roo - 60,459 Rooms (SEDETUR 2005)

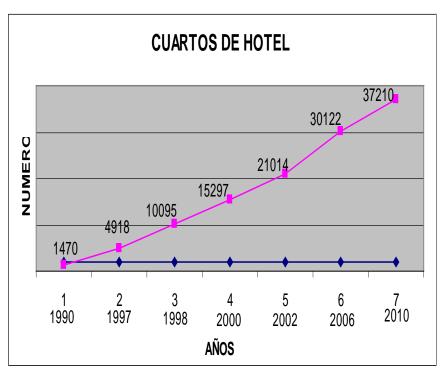
Urban Development 1,135,309 inhabitants Q.Roo (INEGI 2005) 18 – 22 % Annual growth rate







Growth in Mexican Caribbean







RESULTS

Environmental

- Waste management
- Mangrove destruction
- Impact on Coral Reefs
- Sea turtle nesting
- Deforestation







Protection – is it possible d away from destruction?

Science

- ✓ understanding how ecosystems work
- ✓ Understanding results of human impacts
- ✓ Helping define criteria for sustainability
- √ Feedback to measure sustainability





Protection – what road to take?

Tools

- Science
- Education
- Tourism
- Political instruments
- Politics

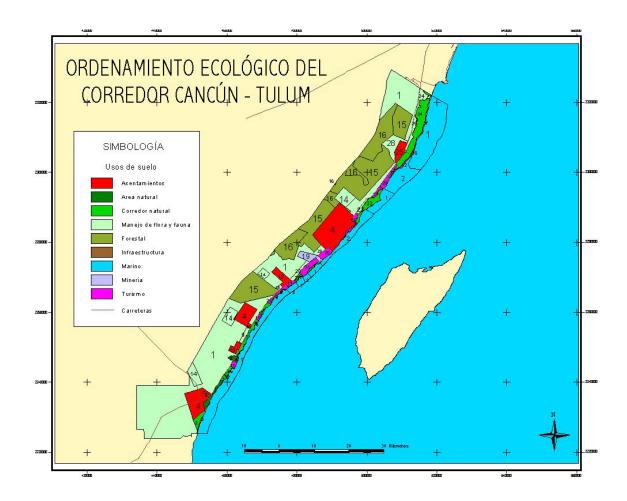




Political Instruments

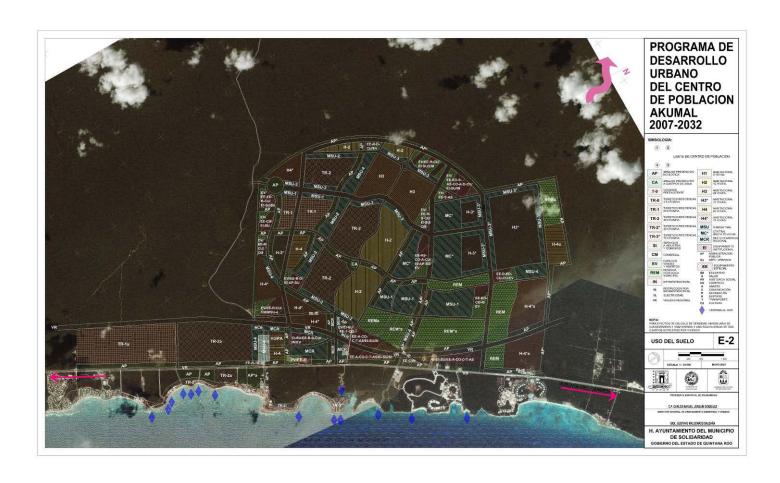
Ecological Land Use Planning

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Protected Areas



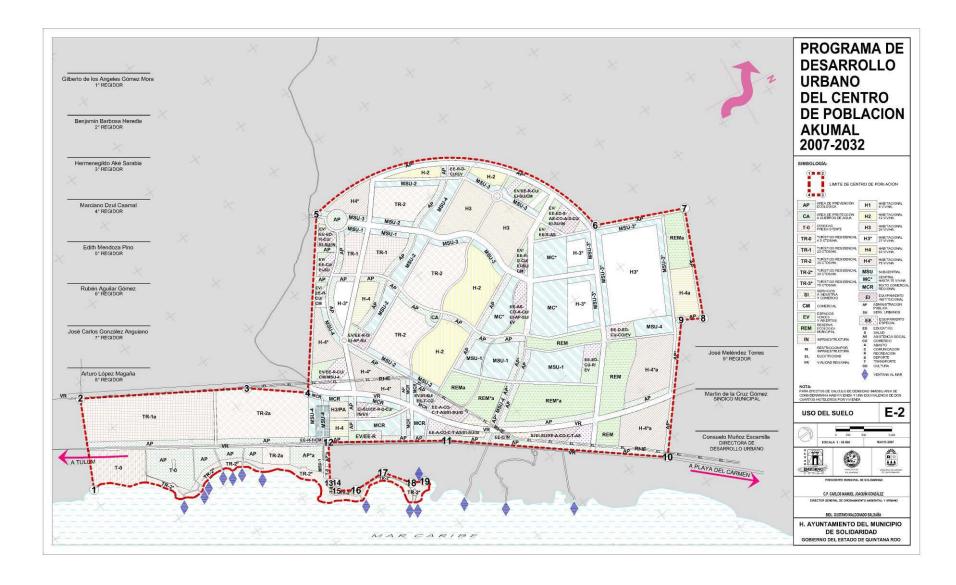


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- Sustainability ???
- Focus of variety of actions / actors



Actions

- •Create alliances between government and society to manage priority areas.
- •Use federal instruments more.
- •Educate and build capacity among users, including tourists
- Waste water technologies



Find Adam and Eve



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