

The Project has received an environmental license from the Honduran environmental agency (SERNA), based on a qualitative environmental assessment (Diagnostico Ambiental Cualitativo). Some of the Project structures are partially located in the buffer zone of a legally protected area (Texiguat Wildlife Reserve), a known habitat for several threatened endemic species included in the IUCN red list of species. Therefore, in order to fully comply with IDB Invest requirements as well as IFC's Performance Standards and to develop a full assessment of all Project impacts, additional studies were executed, which included Critical Habitat Assessment, Alternatives Considered, Cumulative Impacts, Social Consultation, Transport, and Ecological flow, and in-depth social and biodiversity baseline surveys, the latter supported by identification of presence and absence of six anuran species from audio recordings. In line with that, IDB Invest has already visited the Project site and is currently also evaluating: (i) the Project's environmental, social, and health and safety system (ESMS) to be adopted; (ii) the ESMS associated plans and procedures; (iii) the scope and adequacy of the public consultation and stakeholder engagement process; (iv) data on social and labor issues related to the Project; and (v) the biodiversity baseline, by collecting field data on key threatened species in the Project's area of influence, with the help of The Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute's Center for Conservation and Sustainability (CCS), acting as IDB Invest's independent technical advisor. The results of both the social and biodiversity enhanced baseline assessments will also be publicly disclosed. An Environmental and Social Review Summary (ESRS), containing an Environmental & Social Action Plan (ESAP), has been prepared as a result of the conclusion of the Environmental & Social due diligence and published on this website (see below). The ESAP contains several social and environmental plans designed to ensure Project compliance with IDB Invest's Environmental and Social Sustainability Policy. For instance, a Biodiversity Action Plan will be developed to ensure an offset is developed and implemented to compensate for any significant residual impacts to threatened biodiversity. Environmental Impact Assessment documents (EIA): 1) Diagnostico Ambiental Cualitativo 2) Formulario DAC Jilamito 3) Stakeholder Engagement Process Jilamito 4) Reforestation & Conservation Plan 5) ESMP Jilamito 6) Health & Safety Plan Jilamito 7) Analysis of Alternatives Jilamito 8) Social Impact Assessment Jilamito 9) Transmission Line Impact Assessment Jilamito 10) Ecological Flow Analysis Jilamito 11) Cumulative Impacts Assessment Jilamito 12) Critical Habitat Assessment Jilamito 13) Despacho SERNA Jilamito 14) Licencia Ambiental Jilamito 15) Listado Especies Fauna Silvestre y Macro invertebrados Jilamito 16) Estudio Tránsito y Transporte Jilamito 17) Inventario Ictiofauna y Macro Invertebrados Jilamito 18) Línea de Base Social 19) Reporte de Línea de Biodiversidad