

Impact Assessment in Higher Education and Research in Mexico



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HIGHER EDUCATION RADIOGRAPHY

- **9** FEDERAL PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES (2024)
- **126** FEDERAL TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTES (2024)
- **130** DECENTRALIZED TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTES (2024)
- **6** TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH CENTRES (2024)
- **16** INTERCULTURAL UNIVERSITIES (2024)
- **34** STATE PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES (2024)
- **1,587** SCHOOLS FROM **880** PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS (2002)



IMPACT ASSESSMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION

- IA as subject in some undergraduate program.
- Not a single undergraduate program with strong relationship to impact assessment.
- Only two organizations related to impact assessment (AMIA, 2013 & COMIMPACT, 2018).
- IA teaching is focused on EIA for projects (LGEEPA, 1988)



IMPACT ASSESSMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION

- Not aligned to EA international best practices or foundations – restricted to Mexican guidelines for EIA (all of them outdated: 1988, 1996, 2014)
- Facilitators without any EA certification or experience
- Anyone can make an EIA

RESEARCH ON IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- Some undergraduate thesis in law, biology, architecture, civil engineering, chemical sciences, environmental engineering programs.
- Some Master thesis in law, biology, chemical sciences, civil engineering, environmental sciences, water management, environmental engineering programs.
- Some PhD thesis in law, environmental sciences, geography programs.

RESEARCH ON IMPACT ASSESSMENT – SOME EXAMPLES

- Economic, Social and Environmental Impact of the implementation of rainwater harvesting systems in two case studies. 2015. UNAM. Bachelor.
- Comprehensive diagnosis of the impacts produced by the tourism industry in Baja California Sur. 2006. Master.
- Analysis of carbon taxation in Mexico and its environmental impact. 2023. Bachelor.
- Citizen participation in the environmental impact assessment of the Mayan Train Phase 1. 2022. Master.

RESEARCH ON IMPACT ASSESSMENT – SOME EXAMPLES

- Strategic Environmental Assessment of the final disposition of residues and proposal of implementation of a sanitary fill in Xicotepec, Puebla. 2018. Bachelor.
- Strategic environmental assessment in the environmental management for the wind energy in the state of Baja California. 2012. Master.
- Integration of indexes of environmental impacts as part of a strategic environmental assessment for decision-making in the manufacturing industry. 2004. Bachelor.

RESEARCH ON IMPACT ASSESSMENT – OUR WORK

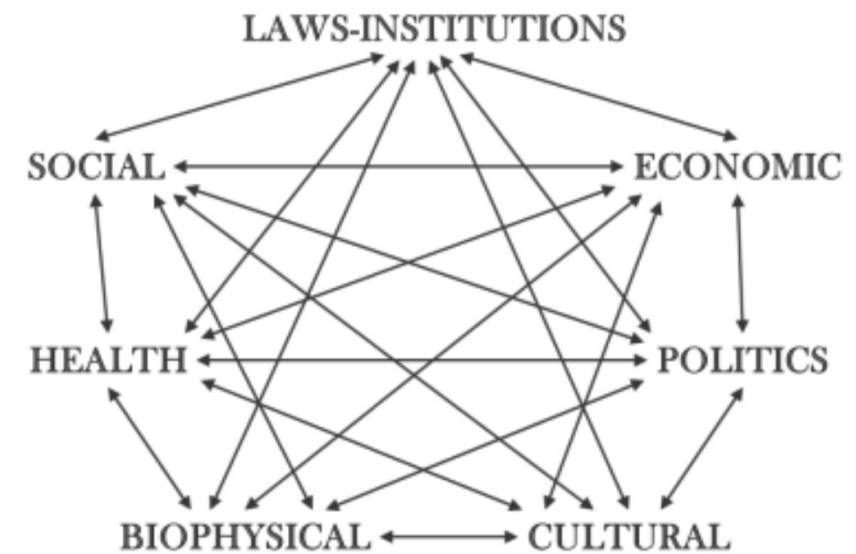
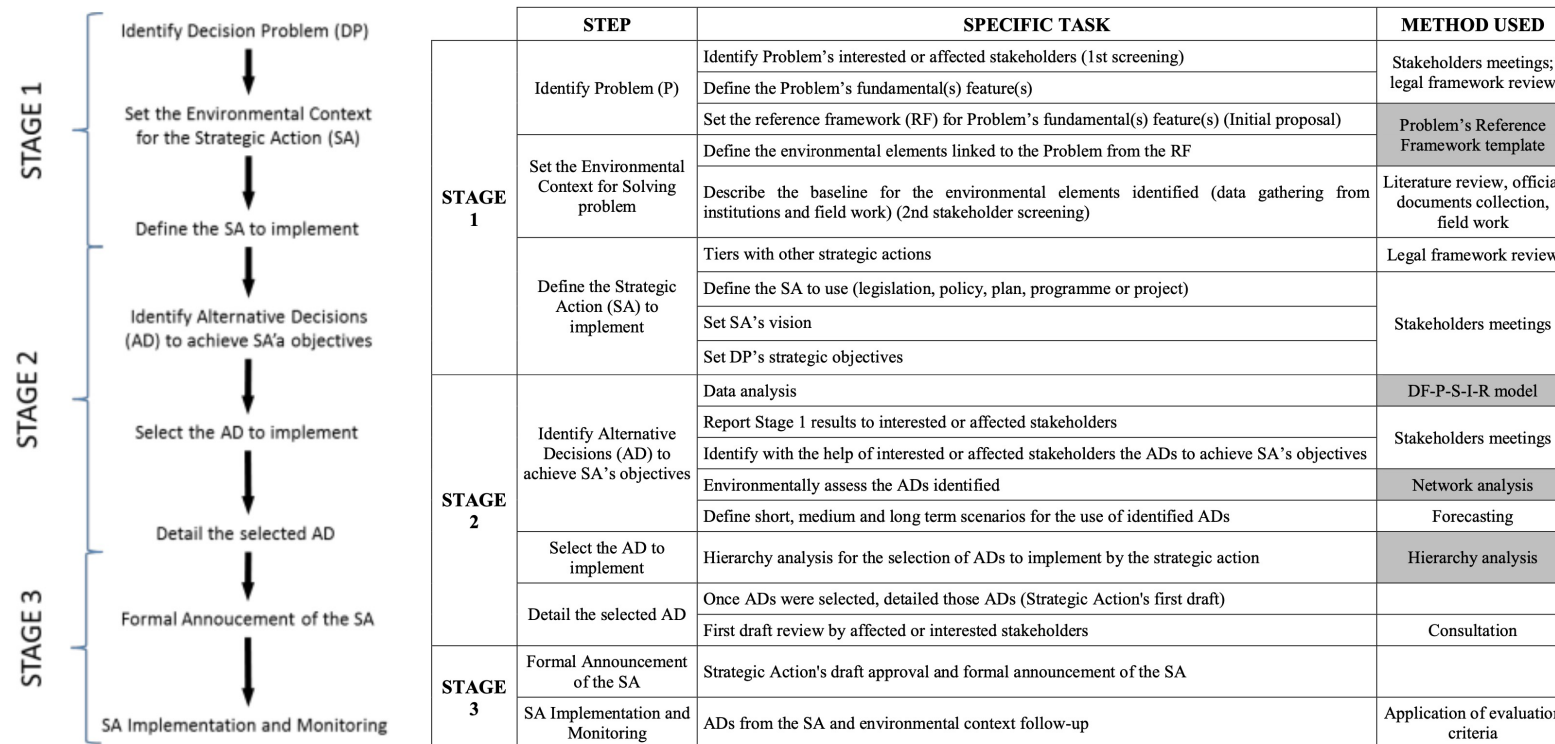
- Methodological approach for using strategic environmental assessment within the Mexican decision-making and planning system based on two case studies. 2017. PhD Thesis.

SEA CORE PRINCIPLES

- *SEA has to meet integration between environmental considerations with a high-level of country's, state's, region's or municipality's development decision-making and planning.*
- *SEA has to be performed under an effective and accessible public participation in high tiers of decision-making and planning, or at least it has to improve it.*
- *SEA has to lead to decision-making, planning, legal frameworks and mindset rearrangements in order to achieve previous principles.*

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RESEARCH ON IMPACT ASSESSMENT – OUR WORK

- Quantitative Analysis of Federal EIA's in 2003-2006. 2018. Bachelor.

Tabla 19. Totales de Proyectos Ingresados (DGIRA + Del. Federales) por rubro, periodo 2003-2006.

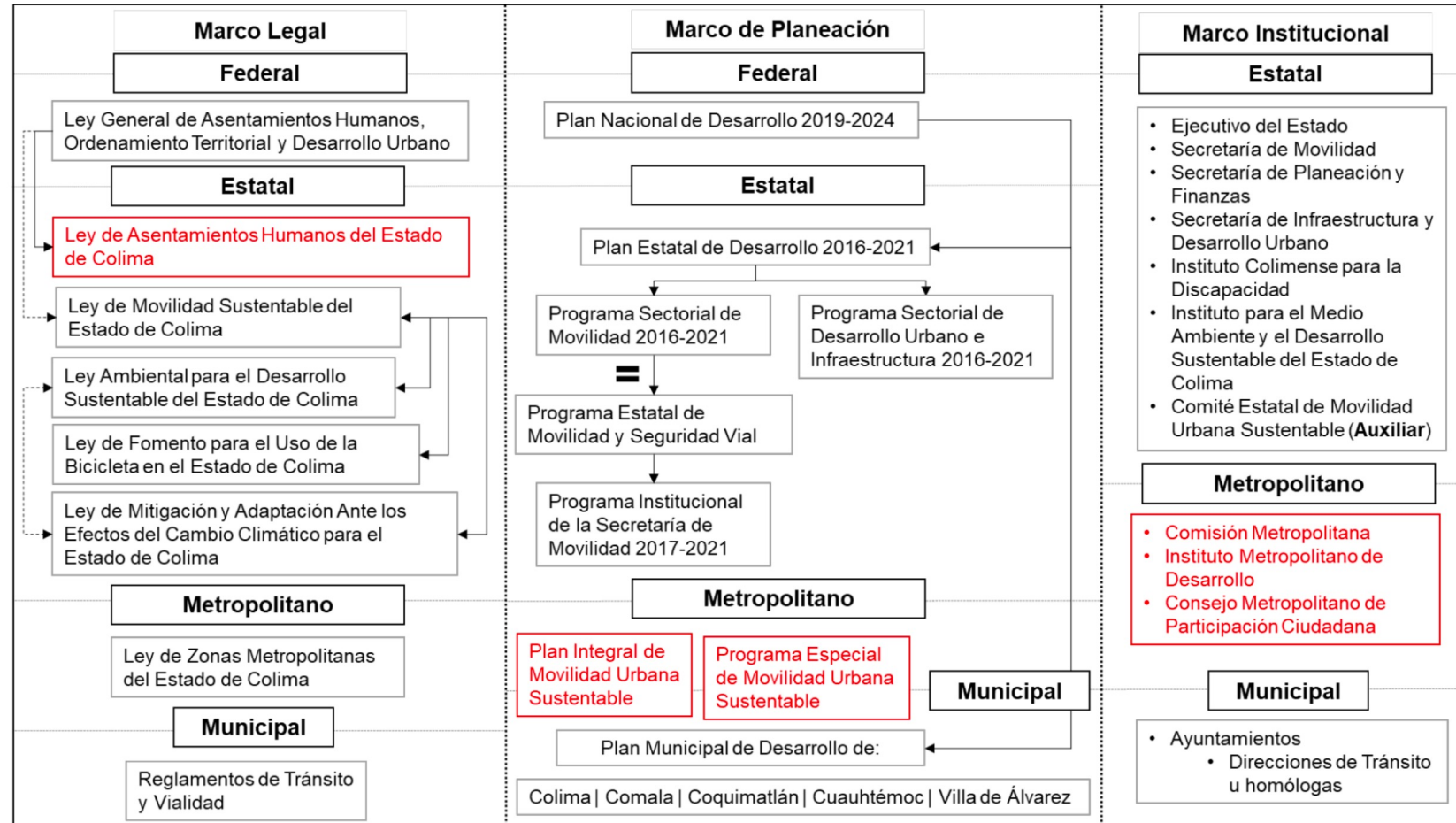
AÑO	PROYECTOS INGRESADOS														TOTALES
	V.C.	O.H.	S	C.U.S.	T	D.U.	E	H	AC	AG	R.P.	I	P.E.	P.R.	
2003	232	117	58	319	221	133	140	186	141	24	11	100	16	0	1698
2004	263	126	143	429	194	325	131	140	236	66	16	90	9	0	2168
2005	352	294	153	442	318	293	109	111	170	45	18	109	20	1	2435
2006	485	223	138	413	247	465	116	108	148	35	21	71	12	0	2482
	1332	760	492	1603	980	1216	496	545	695	170	66	370	57	1	8783

Tabla 20. Totales de Proyectos Emitidos (DGIRA + Del. Federales) por rubro, periodo 2003-2006

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	V.C.	O.H.	S	C.U.S.	T	D.U.	E	H	AC	AG	R.P.	I	P.E.	P.R.	
2003	128	74	29	232	154	78	119	146	98	18	9	58	12	0	1155
2004	196	83	90	376	191	223	112	145	171	44	17	83	5	0	1736
2005	200	207	118	299	257	208	63	92	138	24	12	83	13	1	1715
2006	225	168	108	329	205	386	83	106	123	24	16	58	8	0	1839
	749	532	345	1236	807	895	377	489	530	110	54	282	38	1	6445

RESEARCH ON IMPACT ASSESSMENT – OUR WORK

- Strategic environmental assessment of the urban mobility policy of the Colima-Villa de Alvarez metropolitan area. 2020. Bachelor.



RESEARCH ON IMPACT ASSESSMENT – OUR WORK

- Identification, management proposal and sustainability appraisal for the water supply to urban and rural communities in the state of San Luis Potosí under the 2030 Agenda. (2018-2021). Research project.
- Development of a software for the Design of State Development Plans under the SD 2030 Agenda based on Strategic Environmental Assessment (2018-2019). Research project.
- Food Security in Impact Assessment. 2021 IAIA's Innovation Grant with Prof. Jill Blakley. (Fastips 2023, Webinar 2023, Premier 2024)

RESEARCH ON IMPACT ASSESSMENT – OUR WORK

- Quality Analysis and Methodologies for IA used in Federal EIA’s in Mexico 2003-2021. 2022. Bachelor (NF)

Lee & Colley Environmental Statement Review Package Assessment Adapted to Mexican Context

54 different IA methodologies used in 385 studies

CALIFICACIÓN	CONTEO	CATEGORÍA	TOTAL	PORCENTAJE
A	0	Bueno	0	0.0%
B	0			
C	24	Regular	223	57.9%
D	199			
E	158	Mediocre	162	42.1%
F	4			

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A	0	Bueno	0	0.0%
B	0			
C	1	Regular	99	25.7%
D	98			
E	259	Mediocre	286	74.3%
F	27			

RESEARCH ON IMPACT ASSESSMENT – CURRENT AND FUTURE

- Quantitative Analysis of Federal EIA's in 2007-2012. 2024. Bachelor. (Ongoing)
- Present status of the implementation of Strategic Environmental Assessment in Mexico after 10 years of the first assessment. (2024)
- Impact Assessment in AFF activities (IAIA's AFF Section activities). (2024)
- Development of an Environmental Assessment Research Centre at University of Colima. (Future)
- Analysis of the EA research production in Mexico (thesis, papers). (Future)
- Analysis of the national EA system in Mexico. (Future)
- More SEA application in real contexts through research projects or real cases. (Future)
- Complete the Quantitative Analysis of Federal EIA's for 2013-current. (Future)
- Development of a Software for using SEA process proposed in PhD Thesis. (Future)
- Analysis of the sub-national EA systems in Mexico. (Future)
- Development of a proposal to upgrade Mexico's EA system. (Future)

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