



Doctoral Thesis Title: Identification, analysis and assessment of the landscapes of Honduras: protection and conservation measures

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Abstract:

In 2005 ICOMOS, an advisor agency of UNESCO, (Jokilehto, Cleere and Denyery Petzet, 2005) recommended that Latin American countries should be incorporated to the category of "Landscapes" within their list of heritage assets because it is belittled and demeaned. Landscapes have become part or a general interest as a significant element of everyday life and the well-being of the population. Therefore, assuming the territorial sense of the landscape itself. In Honduras, diverse landscapes have been detected due to the constant interaction between man and nature itself. In addition, Honduras is in the process of preparing an Indicative List that will allow proposing assets to the World Heritage List. This will cause the incorporation of landscapes as a national heritage asset which will then allow it to follow the guidelines recommended by UNESCO.

The Honduran legislation does not express the consideration of the cultural or natural landscape as part of the heritage of the nation itself. This situation makes it difficult to guarantee the protection and conservation of the sites, thus conditioning and halting their development.

Therefore, it is of great interest for the country to identify the most representative landscapes it contains which can be acquired through diverse landscape studies. Such as; studies of landscape integration, proposals and landscape action projects, analyzing their degree of authenticity and integrity. This is to allow the elaboration of a normative of the landscape heritage and the implementation of policies from the execution of the new instruments for the protection, planning and management of the landscape. It is necessary to consider that these zones, by obtaining their own management regulations, can become a structuring element of land management according to the Territorial Ordinance of Honduras Act of 2003 (LOT) Thus, in the future, adoption is required of mechanisms to ensure adequate protection and management.

Available Means:

The use of large equipment and laboratories is not required. It is based on fieldwork and bibliographic and normative review. The means and the financing to carry out these tasks are guaranteed in Honduras.

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