# LA POPA ECOPARK

## Sustainability

**STRATEGIES** 

#### **CHALLENGE**

Regreening Cartagena

### DESCRIPTION

One of the main tourist attractions in Cartagena is the "Cerro de La Popa" and its Convent. It is the highest point of the city and the area of the mountain and surroundings is a protected Urban Tropical Dry Forest; however, there is no infrastructure that enables passive or active enjoyment of nature.

The project has two main goals. First, to create hike trails along the mountain as well as an urban botanical garden that promotes conservation and restores the tropical dry forest, which is a threatened ecosystem. Second, to restore several public parks around the city that ultimately increase public space by 8.6 m2 per citizen.

Along with the conservation strategy and ecotourism strategy, the project involves the construction of commercial spaces for cafes



and restaurants. The goal is to hire residents to provide conservation and ecotourism services.

#### KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- 5km of cycling and hiking trails
- 1,100 sq.mt. of infrastructure for restaurants, decks and recreational spaces
- Reforestation of 30 hectares
- Relocation of 1,200 informal homes

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