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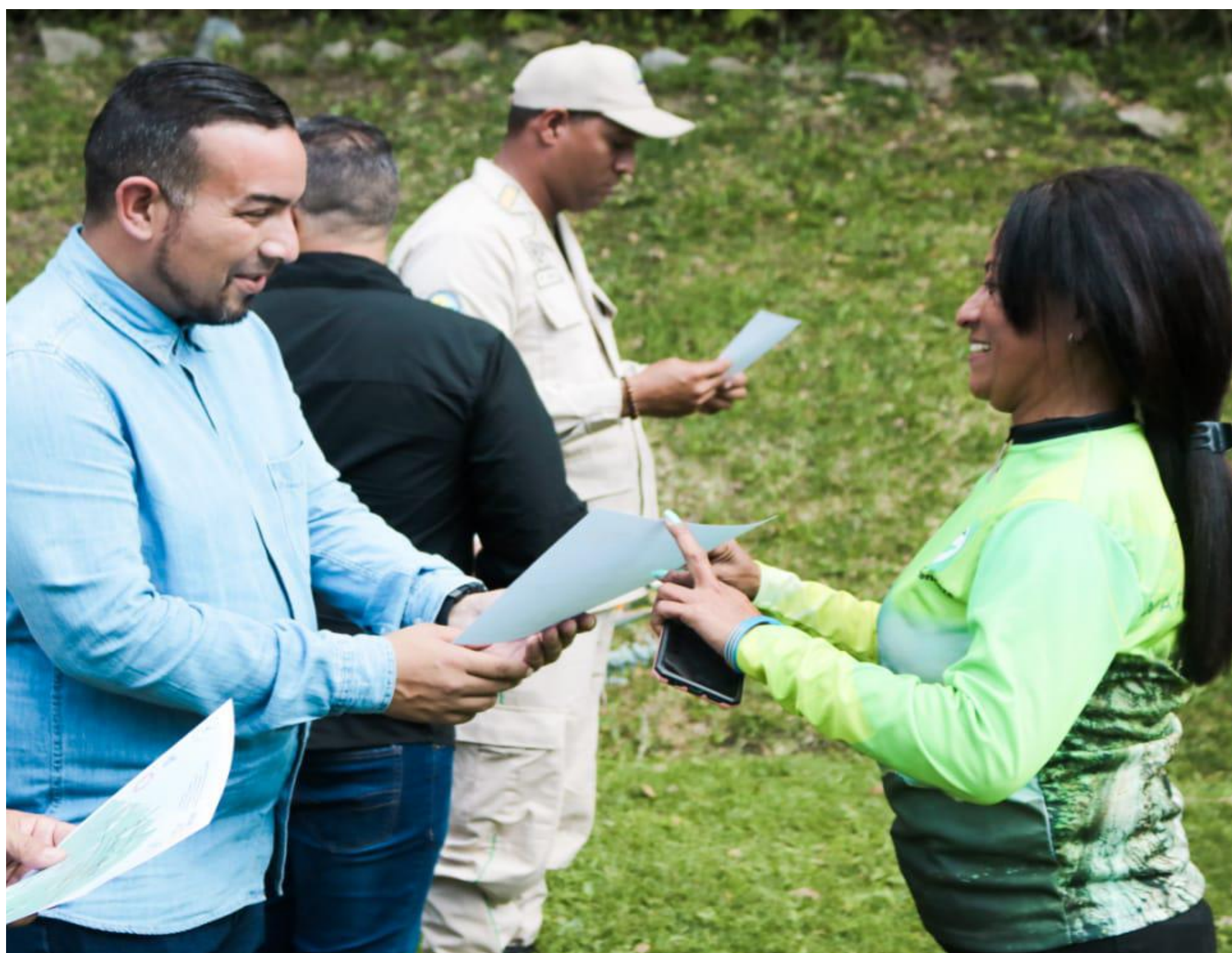
The Minister of People's Power for Ecosocialism, Josué Lorca, the Vice Minister of Environmental Management Services of the Ministry for Ecosocialism, Hernán Toro, the General of the Forest Firefighters of the National Institute of Parks (Inparques), Germán

Gutiérrez, participated in the Eucharist, the national chief of the Inparques Civil Park Rangers, Pablo Lira and the coordinator of the Waraira Repano National Park, Ramón Campos.

During the celebration, Minister Lorca addressed a few words to those present to express being "very proud and grateful to the park rangers, firefighters and volunteers, who have the mission of safeguarding and protecting the 85,000 hectares of the park." In addition, he showed his appreciation to all "the workers

who make sure that the place is well managed and the inhabitants of some developed areas who take the task of transmitting the message of conscience from one generation to another".

"I hope that together we continue to build Ecosocialism with all the challenges, tasks and responsibilities that are presented to us in this invaluable job of preserving the important National Park", he said.



More than 85 thousand hectares make up the National Park



Videoconference for the International Day

# Mountains are a reservoir of biological diversity and productive areas for the planet



*Women move mountains*

To commemorate International Mountain Day, the Ministry of Popular Power for Ecosocialism (Minec) offered a series of videoconferences on the theme called "Mountains matter: for people and the planet."

Minister Josué Lorca gave the opening remarks for the day, followed by reflections from Minec's Vice Minister of Environmental Management Services, Hernán Toro, Minec's Director of Ecosystem Management and Conservation Policies, Franklin Linares, and seven presentations made by women specialists of the institution.

In this regard, Vice Minister Toro indicated that the date has been celebrated since 2002 by resolution of the United Nations General Assembly, due to the importance of mountains as a reservoir of biological diversity and producing areas for the planet.

"Today we developed a videoconference with more than seven presentations with a

feminist approach and highlighting the role of women in the fight for the preservation of mountains, which is why this forum is called "Women move mountains", said Toro.

He pointed out that the exhibition cycle was led by women from Minec and some invited to the online meeting.

"To the fight that President Nicolás Maduro undertakes against the climate crisis, we highlight the leading and vanguard role of Venezuelan women, and for this reason we have wanted them to be the bearers of this valuable message for the people, the communities, people's awareness", he said.

For her part, the General Director of Adaptation to Climate Change at Minec, María Mercedes Arévalo, stated that her dissertation dealt with the relevance of women and mountains with Climate Change.

"Women are one of the populations most affected and vulnerable to climate change, because they generally do not have as much access to education, work, are dedicated

to unpaid activities such as the home and care for the most sensitive people such as children, older adults or children", he asserted.

She added that the people who live in the mountains are engaged in rural work, which means that more than 80% are subject to certain parameters of poverty", she stated.

"The mountains in Venezuela are the most fragile ecosystems to climate change due to the increase in temperature. For example, in the páramos the glaciers are melting, the water resources are less and less, the agricultural crops are changing and there is desertification", she stated.

She added that "in this context, three priority points are important: including women in adaptation activities and actions in mountain localities; take care of ecosystems with reforestation and watch over water resources to be able to have drinking water and electricity".



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# Presidential Commission on Chemical Safety evaluates continuity of the Minamata Convention



*The technical-legal evaluations are maintained*

agreement was signed in 2013," said García.

**T**he Presidential Commission on Chemical Safety met at the headquarters of the Ministry of People's Power for Ecosocialism (Minec), with the purpose of discussing some issues of interest.

Leading the meeting was the Vice Minister of Comprehensive Waste Management of Minec, Dennys Guédez, who indicated that the Commission met with the purpose of discussing elements of the Minamata Convention and all that are the regulations on mercury in the country.

"We were in a deep debate in which the issues of ratification of the international agreement and the technical, legal and administrative implications for the country were also addressed", he said.

He added that the Minec team "is at the forefront of the discussion processes on these aspects in coordination with other institutions of the National Public Power".

For his part, the General Director of Environmental Quality of Minec and coordinator of the Presidential Commission on Chemical Safety, José García, commented that the objective of the concentration "is to give continuity to the legal technical evaluation that has been developed in the context of the Subcommittee on Heavy Metals attached to the Presidential Commission on Chemical Safety".

"It is expected to define the ratification or not of the Minamata Agreement by the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, with the understanding that the

He added that "we have an agenda for next year that we must start with the 'National Mercury Diagnosis', as well as develop a solid base for the behavior and management of mercury, for which it is necessary to hold working groups with the Commission National Chemical Safety Technology (CNTQ)".

"Several presentations were made with the participation of the Office of International Affairs of the Minec, to publicize the commitments that are made at the time of ratifying the Minamata Convention", he said.

In this sense, García said that personnel from the Minec Environmental Quality Department disclosed some technical aspects, strengths and weaknesses, and Legal Consulting exposed the legal framework that regulates the matter in Venezuela.

The meeting brought together representatives of the institutions that make up the Commission, including Petróleos de Venezuela (PDVSA), the National Electric Corporation (Corpoelec), the Public Ministry (MP), the Venezuelan Association of Chemical and Petrochemical Industries (Asoquim), the National of Chemical Technology (CNTQ), Institute of Venezuelan Technology for Petroleum (Intevep), Ministry of Interior Relations, Justice and Peace, Ministry of Foreign Relations, National Institute of Comprehensive Agricultural Health (INSAI), Directorate of Weapons and Explosives (DAEX) of the Ministry for Defense, the Ministry for Mining Ecological Development and the Venezuelan Mining Corporation.

Strengthening of the Unified Command advances

# Minister Lorca outlines work route to fight forest fires



Prepare for dry season

To establish a technical, strategic and operational work route on potential forest fires in the next dry season, the People's Power Minister for Ecosocialism, Josué Lorca, spoke with the staff of the institution's General Directorate of Audits.

The meeting was held in the videoconference room of the institution's

office, with the purpose of fine-tuning the details to strengthen the Unified Command for Protection against Forest Fires, made up of the Forest Firefighters of the National Parks Institute (Inparques), Civil Corps of Park rangers, Civil Protection (PC), local firefighters, the Bolivarian National Guard (GNB) and the volunteer group belonging to the People's Power.

## To stop global warming

# Subcommittee on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer and Global Warming Potential complies with the Kigali Amendment

In order to comply with the commitments derived from the Kigali Amendment, the Subcommittee on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer and with Global Warming Potential, which is part of the Presidential Commission on Chemical Safety, met at the headquarters of the Ministry of Popular Power for Ecosocialism (Minec).

The Kigali Amendment entered into force in 2019 and calls for reducing projected production and consumption of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) by more than 80% over the next 30 years, in order to avoid up to 0.4°C of global warming by the end of this century.

The meeting was attended by representatives of the National Integrated Customs and Tax Administration Service (Seniat), the Venezuelan Fund for Industrial and

Technological Reconversion Foundation (Fondoin) and the Venezuelan Chamber of Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Industries (Venacor).

Regarding the appointment, the general director of Environmental Quality of Minec, José García, indicated that the Subcommittee advises the National Executive regarding the elimination of substances that deplete the ozone layer and the reduction of those with global warming potential.

"The concentration seeks to comply with the Kigali Amendment, taking into account that the amendment was deposited on December 5," he said.

He added that, in addition, the moment was used to build a common agenda in order to honor the obligations referred to in the amendment.



Joint work carried out the necropsy

# A sea turtle found lifeless on Lido de Lechería beach

**A** sea turtle known in Venezuela as olive ridley, peanut or olive ridley (*Lepidochelys olivacea*), was found lifeless on Lido de Lechería beach, an area corresponding to the Urbaneja municipality of Anzoátegui state.

The novelty of the finding was reported by regional Civil Protection (PC) personnel to the Anzoátegui Ecosocialist Territorial Unit (UTEC) of the Ministry of Popular Power for Ecosocialism (Minec), to the personnel of the National Program for the Conservation of Sea Turtles that is being executed through the General Directorate of Biological Diversity to proceed with the necropsy.

UTEC Biological Diversity staff, Urbaneja Police, Civil Protection, Avista Foundation and veterinarians Gilberto Borges and Ernys Ytriago, participated in the necropsy procedure.

The animal presented a wound on the left anterior fin as a result of nylon remains, fishing ropes, due to fishing interaction, with no evidence of hydrocarbon contents or residues in external and internal organs. Analysis determined

that he died from decompression syndrome.

Decompression is a disorder that occurs when nitrogen dissolves in the blood and tissues due to high pressure. When the pressure decreases rapidly, bubbles are formed that cause a gas embolism, also known as the diver's syndrome.

The diver's syndrome is a condition that is generated when a decompression occurs at the time of the ascent of the specimen from the depths to the surface, which damages the tissues by vascular occlusion, mechanical compression or induction of biochemical changes.

The Olive Ridley turtle considers the Venezuelan coasts as a migratory route and a potential feeding area.

Sea turtles are of great importance for marine-coastal ecosystems, since they are at the top of food webs (they control the growth of sponges and algae in coral reefs, as well as that of small crustaceans and even jellyfish). Likewise, they promote the flow of energy between the sea and the land because they make long migrations and occupy a variety of habitats.



*The turtle died decompensated due to an injury to the left flipper*

Evaluate work plan for 2023

# Integrated Management of Coastal Zones carried out 164 activities in 2022

A total of 164 activities were carried out by the General Directorate of Ecosystem Management and Conservation Policies of the Ministry of Popular Power for Ecosocialism (Minec), in the context of the Integrated Management of Coastal Zones during the year 2022.

The balance was presented online through the Zoom videoconference platform, in the Minec Geomatics room, located at the headquarters in the South Tower of El Silencio, in the center of the capital.

The actions, promoted by the General Directorate of Coastal Zones, include 76 meetings, 31 workshops or courses, 41 case evaluations and 16 field trips, all carried out through the principles of participation, knowledge, coordination and recognition.

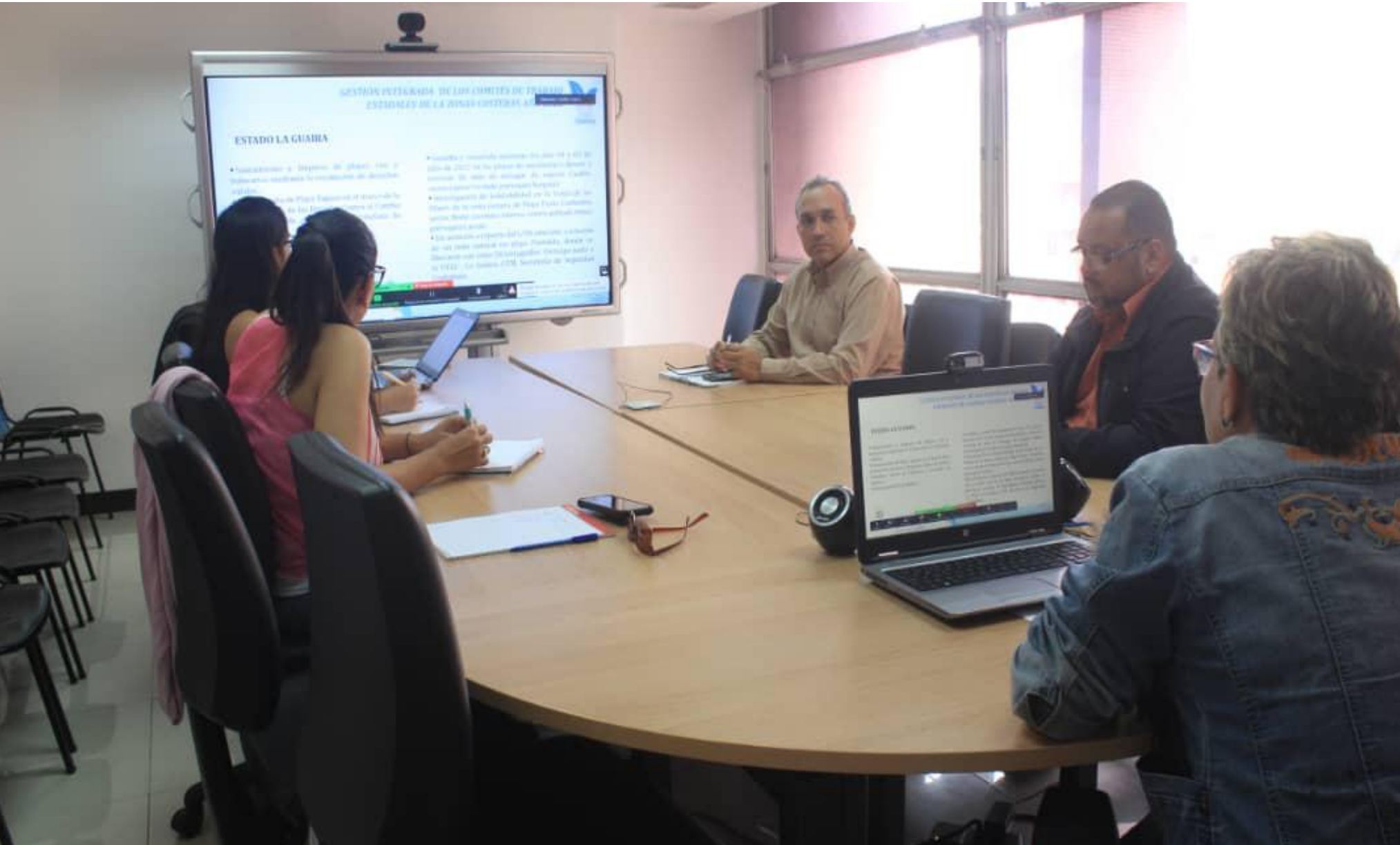
Likewise, the movements carried out during 2022, corresponding to each of the 14 Work

Committees of the State Coastal Zones (Ctzce), were reviewed.

The meeting also served to put into perspective the work of 2023, which contemplates the reactivation of the missing Ctzce and the Central Work Committee for Coastal Zones (Ctczc), as well as the call for face-to-face and online meetings.

Also, progress was made on the work in the Areas Under the Special Administration Regime (Abrae) and wetlands of international importance (Ramsar sites), establishment of marine aquaculture activities and the deployment of mechanisms for hydrocarbon spill contingency situations, among others. .

Likewise, the continuity of the contents indicated in the Project of the Plan for the Planning and Integrated Management of Coastal Zones (Pogizc) of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela was analyzed, which covers approximately 10% of the national territory in which the 18% of the population.



The zone covers 10% of the national territory



## Up to date with Nicolás

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12/18/2022

Argentina! What kind of ending they have given us, a game in which they gave their heart and soul. We are happy and proud that the #Qatar2022 Soccer World Cup returns to South America. I'm sure my friend Diego is celebrating with us. Congratulations!



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12/16/2022

Today more than ever the words pronounced by our Commander Chávez in 2009, during the Climate Change Summit, make sense. The indolence of the world capitalist elite continues, in the face of the great challenge facing humanity. The time is now!



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12/15/2022

The environmental emergency demands a drastic change in our relationship with Mother Earth. The commitment to that task is irrevocable. We congratulate the United Nations Environment Program, which today celebrates one more year of work in defense of the Planet.



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