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“*Nature makes nothing incomplete and nothing in vain.*”

*Aristóteles*



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# GETTING TO KNOW MINEC

## THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION POLICIES (DGPGE) IS ATTACHED TO THE VICE-MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICE OFFICE.

In a general context, it formulates and implements national policy guidelines on environmental planning and conservation, planning and sustainable management of the national territory, with emphasis on Areas under the Special Administration Regime (ABRAE), Watersheds, Coastal Zones, and Strategic Areas for Development, with an Eco-socialist vision. This entity takes into consideration the implementation of projects, together with the Territorial Coordination Office and the substantive General Directorates of MINEC. It also develops policies, strategies, management, and action guidelines for the conservation of the soil, subsoil, and mountain ecosystems, recovery of degraded areas, fight against desertification, and mitigation of the effects of drought. It also formulates, implements, and follows up on strategies and guidelines for the integrated management of

transboundary watersheds and their associated ecosystems.

It verifies and demarks boundaries or spatial delimitations defined in draft decrees and resolutions on geography, cartography, and cadaster; designs, promotes and develops actions that promote research and monitoring in environmental planning and conservation, and national land management. It also provides technical assistance and develops projects for compliance with international agreements and identifies opportunities for strategic alliances in territorial management, watershed conservation, and associated ecosystems, in coordination with the Integration and International Affairs Office, establishing guidelines and applies legal, technical, and administrative criteria for environmental control instruments.

## CITIZEN ATTENTION

The Citizen Attention Offices (OAC) were created by the Presidential Decree of our Eternal Commander of the Bolivarian Revolution: Hugo Rafael Chávez Frías, in his tireless search to bring the bureaucratic institutions of the Venezuelan State closer to the people and their immediate needs. Its fundamental legal basis is the Law for the Simplification of Administrative Procedures. This entity was incorporated into the organizational structure of public institutions with the firm purpose of actively promoting Citizen Participation, as well as providing in a timely, adequate, and effective manner, the information required to support, guide, receive, and process complaints, claims, suggestions and petitions from citizens in general to our ministry.

In search of strengthening our political project, we are the entity within the Ministry of Popular Power for Ecosocialism that drives and promotes the protagonist role of the citizenship seen individually or through collective and organized expressions within the parameter of our competence in the environmental field: preservation, conservation, improvement, security and defense (Art 326 CRBV). This complies with the guidelines of the Homeland Plan, specifically in its V Historical Objective: "The Preservation of Life on the Planet and the Salvation of the Human Species".





# MINEC IN THE HEART OF VENEZUELA

United for the environment

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More than 64 thousand square kilometers make up the state of Guárico, occupying part of the central high and low plains, where the ecosocialist management advances unstoppably, creating awareness in the heart of Venezuela thanks to the disposition of the Territorial Ecosocialist Unit of Guárico, and I am part of it.

I have almost 5 years of wonderful and instructive experiences, where teamwork has been the key to achieve the objectives, allowing the efforts of the ecosocialist family to be

recognized on multiple occasions, filling with satisfaction the hearts of all those who work to strengthen the environmental culture in the region.

In this sense, I feel privileged to have the experience and wisdom of so many professionals who have dedicated their entire lives to environmental work and who have belonged to this distinguished institution, through all its transitions to what we are today, MINEC. Likewise, I value the conviction, energy, and talent of all those

young people who have joined environmental management, to promote this noble work, such as environmental conservation.

Our UTEC is divided into a main office and 4 administrative areas, due to the large territorial area, in order to carry out effective management, taking the socio-environmental programs promoted by the MINEC to all corners of the Guaraní geography.

Currently, one of the flagship programs that we manage is the Recycling and Cleaning Technical Tables (METRAS), which has had an excellent acceptance among the population, thanks to the commitment of MINEC and the organization of the Popular Power, where recycling is increasingly practiced and good disposal of waste is directed, thus lowering pollution rates, in addition to adding wills to the environmental work.

Hand by hand with the METRAS, there is also the program Dale la cola a tu Basura (Give a ride to your waste), which has spread throughout the region, being the recreation centers and tourist sites the favorite places to execute it, since through this has been achieved the collection of tons of waste and at the same time creating conservation awareness in people. It should be noted that these actions are intensified during the holiday seasons, when all the ecosocialist officials are committed to promoting Ecotourism, always relying on the Brigade against Climate Change in conjunction with the devices provided by the Executive for greater efficiency.

It is important to emphasize that the execution of these socio-environmental campaigns has as a premise to promote environmental values in society, and this is achieved through eco-socialist training in this area we have highly qualified personnel, UTEC Guárico manages an extensive program in this area, we always keep

giving lectures, courses, conducting ecological meetings, community approaches, to carry the conservationist message to every corner of Guárico, thus achieving the growing support for our work.

On the other hand, I have to highlight the strengthening of forestry production in the state, we have trained so far this year more than 1300 people who have joined this admirable work, we always work together with schools and high schools, environmental brigades, both public and private companies, making strategic links to enhance the production of plants in the state and minimize the effects of climate change, ensure biodiversity and continue the fight, in order to materialize the 5th Objective of the Homeland Plan. Hence, making strategic links to potentiate the production of plants in the state and minimize the effects of climate change, ensure biodiversity and continue the fight to materialize the 5th Objective of the of the Homeland Plan, in addition to achieving the goals set in the National Reforestation Plan. Likewise, we fulfill responsibly the task of supervising the commercial and industrial activity in the entity, to watch over the fulfillment of the eco-socialist legislation as our priority. Every week, environmental control and inspection operations are organized to verify that the establishments comply with the norms and requirements established by law, thus guaranteeing the correct operation of the companies and avoiding possible ecological damage.

Although we carry out these types of operations in commercial and urban areas, we also carry out inspection and control operations in rural areas, which are quite extensive in our area of competence. We are in charge of visiting farms and production units to ensure the conservation of species, mitigating animal trafficking, illegal handling of forest products, or activities that could degrade the environment illegally. In the case of coinciding with any of these activities, UTEC Guárico officials carry out the legal procedures to adjudicate the pertinent legal responsibilities to stop environmental deterioration.

For this reason, we continually offer advice to the public, informing them about the permits and procedures that users must follow before starting any activity that could hurt the environment.



All these measures are based on the protection of the environment, and that is why the policy of UTEC Guárico is to work for the sustainable and sustainable development of the region, through strategic alliances, teamwork with the various active forces, and in union with the regional executive, always supporting all projects that involve progress for the state and its population, because contributing to social welfare is part of our work.

In this journey we have achieved many goals, we have overcome adversities as a great family, with the firm conviction to carry forward environmental management efficiently, relying on all those who make life in the entity and want to be part of the great environmental revolution, where awareness and empathy allow us to achieve new goals, each contributing from their trenches for a common goal.

I am grateful for the difficulties that have arisen along the way because they have allowed us

to move forward at our discretion, they honor the saying that “los llaneros” are the size of the commitment that comes our way”, and indeed it is so, thanks to them we have known solidarity, empathy towards our institution and its workers, society bets on our work, they trust in what we do, which makes even greater the commitment we have with our people, through ecosocialism.

Launching avios, planting trees, releasing species, controlling environmental impacts, fighting against climate change, promoting environmental culture, and contributing to the sustainable development of the region, are already part of our life, we are here from the heart of Venezuela to serve the nation and the planet, we contribute our grain of sand to offer a better world to future generations.





# ECOLOGICAL HAMMOCKS THROUGH RECYCLING

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The elaboration of hammocks arose from the need for land for a house to live in. It is worth mentioning that everyone lived in small huts or shacks. From there, a process of communal organization emerged in the territory where we joined Los Arañeros de Chávez Commune, which is already 5 years old.

Today, the Communal Council Las Lomas is a Recycling and Sanitation Technical Committee (METRAS), located in the San Rafael Parish of Delta Amacuro State. It is made up of some 300 inhabitants, grouped into 106 families. We started a productive experience of making

hammocks and hammock hammocks. Among our ancestors are the Waraos Indians from the Caños, who made chinchorros and hammocks with the Moriche palm (Tree of Life) which was the raw material for the manufacture of the same. Now we are protectors of the Moriche palm.

This deep relationship is explained in their mythology, as narrated by the indigenous woman Gricélia: "A long time ago the Warao met a man called Ojidu. He gave the Warao everything they needed: hammocks, fruits, flour; everything they needed he got. One day



he was killed by a very envious man, and when he died he became the Buriti tree - Ojidu, our tree of life, everything we need he gives us".

We consider the Buriti tree to be the forest of our land, a sacred tree, from our ancestors; it is part of life of the indigenous Waraos because from it come many foods and Buriti fiber with which we make handicrafts.

These families, seeing that plastic was a source of environmental pollution, began to recycle to reduce pollution in the community.

The recycling culture has been practiced in the community of Las Lomas for approximately 3 years by some indigenous families (Warao), who began to recycle the plastic bags of the suggested CLAP and other plastics of daily use (bags of flour, bread, rice, sugar, beans, transparent plastics, among other food products).

It is necessary to mention that these families gradually became involved in making "chinchorros" with plastic as a way of life to acquire basic foodstuffs and, therefore, to raise their children. This is how they involved other families in the recycling culture, to sell the chinchorros and bring sustenance to their homes.

This generates economic income through the Circular Economy, as a means of subsistence in the face of the blockade that our country is going through. It should be noted that these families also make bags, pencil cases, and tablecloths with plastic material, which has allowed them to enter the international market with orders from Dubai, Paris, and Nigeria, thus weaving a future free of waste.

A Group of Indigenous Families (Warao) together with the Spokespersons of the CLAP and the Communal Council participated in the 1st National Meeting of the Technical Tables of Recycling and Cleaning (METRAS), where we showed everything we do with our hands, to classify all solid waste, as an alternative means to counteract all the effects of the Climate Crisis on the Ecosystem of our PACHAMAMA.

"Grandmother made hammocks with Moriche palm," on the other hand we "weave under the shade of the moriche with the plastic bags we recycle". "Recycle, reuse, reduce and reuse for a world free of pollution and more balanced".





# PORTUGUESA

## “MOBILIZATION FOR THE CAPUCHIN MONKEY SPECIES”.

The mobilization of 2 specimens of the wild fauna of the species capuchin monkey (*Cebus olivaceus*) was carried out, the objective of this action is to mobilize and protect since they are wild animals threatened by the loss of their habitat and illegal hunting. These monkeys will be moved to the Doña Maitana farm, a safe and appropriate place for their temporary housing. There, they will receive veterinary care and adequate food to improve their health and quality of life. This farm is a conservation center that works to preserve the Venezuelan biodiversity. The ultimate goal is that these monkeys

can return to their natural environment, where they can develop their normal behavior and contribute to the functioning of the ecosystems.



## “RECRUITMENT DAY” (DISTRITO CAPITAL)

The recruitment day for new aspiring Firefighters and Park Rangers took place in Libertador municipality. The recruitment point located in Plaza Venezuela was able to attract 30 people interested in being part of the plans, programs, and policies of the Ministry of Popular Power for Ecosocialism (MINEC).

This initiative seeks to strengthen the protection and conservation of Venezuelan ecosystems, as well as to promote environmental awareness and popular participation. The trainees will receive comprehensive training that will enable them to become active agents in the prevention and combat of forest fires, as well as in the care and management of protected natural areas.



## “GREEN AREAS MAINTENANCE DAYS”. (ZULIA)

The Territorial Ecosocialist Unit of Zulia State has carried out various activities within the framework of the National Reforestation Plan 2023. Among them, there are maintenance days for green areas, transplanting of various forest and fruit species, and the filling of bags in the Machiramo nursery. These tasks will help to carry out various activities that will be carried out by Utec.

A total of 40 people participated in these activities to facilitate the work and increase production in the nursery. The main objective of these activities is to benefit and preserve the environment, ensuring the preservation of life on the planet.





## “TRAINING DAY IN EL HATICO” TRUJILLO

The Training Unit team carried out a comprehensive approach in El Hatico, Trujillo municipality, in order to minimize climate change and teach the system of planting ornamental plants.

Different local, national, regional, and community organizations participated in this initiative. Climate change mitigation is an important task that requires the cooperation of all sectors of society. The Provincial Municipality of Trujillo has identified eight climate hazards and has implemented measures to mitigate them. The construction of green areas and the planting of ornamental plants are effective measures to reduce the impact of climate change. In addition, these measures can also improve air quality and provide a healthier environment for residents. Similar measures must continue to be implemented around the world to reduce the impact of climate change and protect our planet.



## “CELEBRATING WORLD BEACHES DAY” (ARAGUA)

World Beaches Day is celebrated around the world, to raise awareness and sensitize citizens about the defense of nature and in particular about the care of the beaches. In this sense, a great cleaning and sanitation day was carried out in Cata Bay, located in the municipality of Ocumare de la Costa de Oro, where more than 1,500 people participated. During the activity, 2 lifeguard booths, 6 baskets for the deposit of recycled material garbage, and 2 shovels for the cleaning of the beach were delivered. In addition, divers participated in the underwater cleanup. The initiative is an important step to protect the environment and keep the beaches clean and safe for everyone.

## “TECHNICAL INSPECTION TO REGISTER LOGGING AND HARVESTING” MONAGAS

The State of Monagas has carried out a technical inspection to register the felling and commercial harvesting of forest resources of a forest plantation of the Caribbean Pine species, located in the lot of land called El Pinal, in the La Dominga sector of the Sotillo municipality. The plantation has an area of 29.82 hectares in rows and it was verified that the trees were in good condition. It was determined that both logging and commercial harvesting of the forest resources were feasible.



## “DELIVERY OF CERTIFICATES TO PARK RANGERS” COJEDES

The delivery of certificates to 46 new park rangers in Cojedes State took place. These certificates were granted by the UNES and the new park rangers will perform functions within the National Parks System.

Each one of these men and women has the function of caring for and protecting each one of the national parks, recreational parks, and natural monuments.

The work of the park rangers is a beautiful, praiseworthy, and titanic task. Their work is fundamental to protecting and caring for Mother Earth.



# “COMMEMORATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE OZONE LAYER AND PEACE”.

## State Anzoátegui

In September, the Ecosocialist Territorial Unit of Anzoátegui state, in commemoration of the International Day of the Ozone Layer and Peace, conducted a reforestation day covering both forest and fruit species in order to contribute to the preservation and restoration of the ozone layer ensuring the survival of life on the planet. This reforestation was carried out in the municipality Simon Bolivar with the participation and awareness of 62 people about the care of the environment and the importance of trees for the planet.



## “LAUNCHING OF NEW TOOLS” (MIRANDA)

The Ecosocialist Territorial Unit of Miranda state carried out a day of launching of avios in the Niño Simón de Capaya Ecological Park, located in the Acevedo municipality. During the activity, a total of 400 seeds of forest species were launched with the support of Misión Árbol, Civil Protection, and the Forest Firefighters. In addition, a conversation was held about reforestation techniques with tools to raise awareness about the importance of trees and the conservation of the environment on our planet.



## “SANITATION DAY FOR WORLD BEACHES DAY” (LA GUAIRA)

World Beaches Day is celebrated every year on the third Saturday of September. In commemoration of this day, a sanitation day was held at Coral Beach, Candilejas, and the Catia La Mar Beach. The activity counted the participation of more than 2,500 volunteers who were deployed on 30 beaches of the coastal entity to raise awareness about the care and maintenance of our coasts and to preserve the fauna that inhabits them.

During the day, more than 2.5 tons of solid waste were collected, including plastics, cardboard, weeds, and sediments. It is important to highlight that a variety of products derived from the plastic collected in the state were also presented to the population. Through the company La GuairaCorp, these products are processed to be returned to society and put it to other uses.





# STATISTICS AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE OF THE MINISTRY OF THE POPULAR POWER FOR ECOSOCIALISM (CEIMINEC)

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Ecosocialism represents an ethical-political system that articulates the good management of ecosystems and the conscious action of an equitable and harmonious society; it constitutes a concept of democratic planning that should not only be based on utopian ideas of good living but should be rooted in each of the concrete actions that should emerge from the bases of popular power in coordination with our Bolivarian and revolutionary government. In the words of our Minister of the Popular Power for Ecosocialism, Josué Alejandro Lorca Vega, Ecosocialism "consists of working tirelessly for the rights of Mother Earth, manifested in concrete actions associated with the protection of biological diversity, living well, environmental awareness and training".

The Ministry Of The Popular Power For Ecosocialism (MINEC) is a government management body for the resolution of environmental problems of the Venezuelan people, to contribute to the preservation of life on the planet and the salvation of the human species. This has taken firm steps in the planning and execution of revolutionary actions of national and international impact, working through Technical Tables of Statistics and Information through the Strategic Office of Monitoring and Evaluation of Public Policies (OESEPP), to coordinate the statistical activity that is declared of public interest.

In this way, it seeks to advise the Substantive Units and Affiliated Entities so that, in the process of collecting quality data, the reliability of the statistical information is guaranteed, seeking efficiency in the follow-up and evaluation of the Ecosocialist Public Policies. All of this is executed through an Action Plan that is broken down into an integral approach leading to the Environmental Statistical Information System.



The CEIMINEC comprehensively pursues the following objectives:

- To promote actions aimed at evaluating, guiding, and supporting, the methodologies used for the generation, consolidation, organization, and dissemination of statistical information, in a timely, truthful, consistent, reliable, and scientific manner.
- To support the development and revision of methodologies used to measure the conformity and quality of the statistical production process according to the strategic objectives.
- To coordinate statistical production, that it is comprehensible coordinated and homogeneous data.
- To coordinate with the competent organizational units regarding the collection of environmental and ecosocialist statistics, related to scientific and technological use.
- To coordinate the development of statistical information, following the due fulfillment of the norms for disclosure.
- To evaluate the implementation, pertinence, and performance of the information systems and technological platforms, oriented to the automation of statistical processes.





# ECOIMPACTS

## SPECTACULAR SNOWFALL AT THE PICO ESPEJO STATION IN SIERRA NEVADA

Residents of the state of Mérida in Venezuela witnessed a spectacular snowfall on Sunday, September 24.

According to reports, snow covered the peaks of the Sierra Nevada de Mérida, and people who went up to the Mukumbarí Cable Car System in Mérida were able to enjoy this beautiful snowfall. The Sierra Nevada de Mérida is a tourist region known for its magical landscapes and splendid snowfalls that make it unforgettable. The phenomenon usually occurs between June and September, and during those dates, Mérida experiences an upturn in the area of tourism and also the time of greatest activity of the intertropical convergence in Venezuela. Photos and videos posted on social networks captured the beauty of the snow-covered landscape.



## MASTER AND STRATEGIC PLAN FOR MARACAIBO LAKE

The Master and Strategic Plan for the Rescue, Conservation, and Sustainable Development of Lake Maracaibo is a project that is being carried out in three phases: Rescue, Conservation, and Sustainable Development of Lake Maracaibo. The main objective is to recover and preserve the important hydraulic reserve of Lake Maracaibo.

In the municipality of San Francisco in Zulia State, garbage and oiled waste is being collected as part of the Master Plan. To date, more than 28,000 tons of waste, have been collected, of which 3,300 tons are oiled waste. This waste is taken to a special handling center for proper control.

In addition, in the "El Bajo" sector of the municipality of San Francisco, the collection of oiled and non-oiled waste continues. Also, a public awareness day is being carried out through the program: "Dale la Cola a tu Basura" (Give a ride to your waste). These actions are an integral part of the Master Plan for the Rescue, Conservation, and Sustainable Development of Lake Maracaibo.







DID YOU KNOW?

Trees are the oldest living organisms on the planet. Trees can die from natural or human causes, such as fires, floods, wind, insects, disease, drought, climate change, or deforestation. These causes affect the tissues, roots, trunk, leaves, flowers, fruit, bark, or wood of trees. Tree death can be rapid or slow, depending on the species, age, size, or state of health of the trees. Trees are vital to the planet and to us, so we must protect them.

How can we contribute to preventing trees from dying either by natural or human causes?

One of them is planting new species, and protecting parks and green areas to improve air quality. To help retaining moisture, a layer of natural mulch can be added around the tree. It is advisable to avoid pruning the tree until it is older, except to cut dead branches. If an older tree is cared for, it can be pruned annually by cutting off unwanted shoots and branches.

To prevent trees from dying from natural or human causes, it is important to know the type

of tree you are planting and its specific needs for sunlight, watering, and nutrients.

For example, if you plant a tree in your garden or a pot, be sure to water it regularly and not overwater it.

Also, it is important to protect the tree from frost and high temperatures. If you live in an area with frequent droughts, consider planting drought-resistant species.

THE MINISTRY OF POPULAR POWER FOR ECOSOCIALISM “MINEC” THROUGH ITS CORE ACTIONS MANAGED TO ACTIVATE A FORCE OF:



92.856 People’s Power Spokespersons



7.210 Brigadists Against Climate Change



4.426 Park Ranger



2.354 Forest Firefighters



The participation of 2.845 male and female servers

Achieving an impact on a population of 102.981 people, for the awareness and preservation of the environment.





# ECOGAMES

## Basket

This eco-game consists of making with paper tubes are an ecological and economical alternative to take advantage of recyclable materials that we have at home.

In addition, ecogames with paper tubes promote environmental awareness and respect for nature by reducing the consumption of plastic and other non-renewable resources.

### Step by step



1. Flatten 57 cardboard tubes.



2. We choose the color we want to give to the homemade cardboard basket and paint it on the outside.



3. Then we mark our cardboard tube with 1.5cm strips.



4. We cut.



5. Join the tubes, as shown in one of the images accompanying the note.



6. Complete until you have a base of 7x6 and a height of two cubes.



7. Once you have the base and the rows ready, fold the sides.



8. To make it even, cut the excess lashes and reinforce with silicone.

