

Mexico

Mapimí



Declaration date: 1977

Surface area: 342,388 ha

Administrative division:

Municipalities of Tlahualillo and Mapimí in the State of Durango, Municipality of Jiménez in the State of Chihuahua and Municipality of Sierra Mojada in the State of Coahuila

Human activities:

Salt mining, animal husbandry and agriculture.



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Ecological characteristics:

This Biosphere Reserve includes the desert ecosystems of the central part of the Chihuahua Desert, where there is a predomination of xerophyllous microphyllous scrubland and chaparral with various compositions forming mosaics of halophyte vegetation in the lower parts. Biologically rich, it includes 403 plant species. Noteworthy are the 39 cactus species and 200 species of birds, 5 species of amphibians, 36 species of reptiles and 28 species of mammals. Endemic species identified are 9 for the Cactaceae family, one for the *Cochlospermaceae* family and one for the *Fouquieriaceae* family. Particularly charismatic are the Bolson Tortoise (*Gopherus flavomarginatus*), the Kit Fox (*Vulpes macrotis*), the Mexican Fringe-toed Lizard (*Uma paraphigas*), the Mule Deer (*Odocoileus hemionus*), the American Badger (*Taxidea taxus*), the Puma (*Puma concolor*); and birds such as the Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*).

