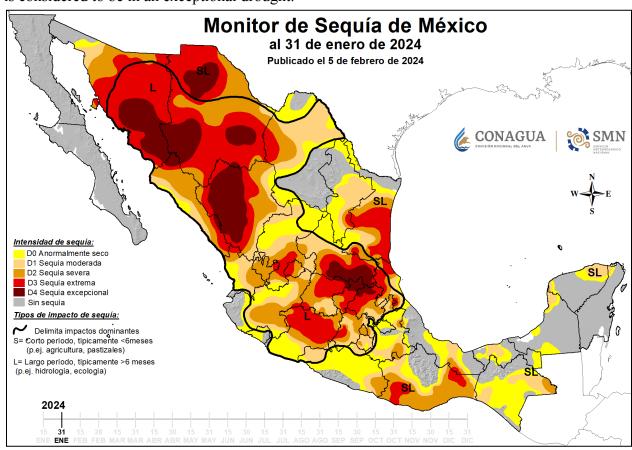
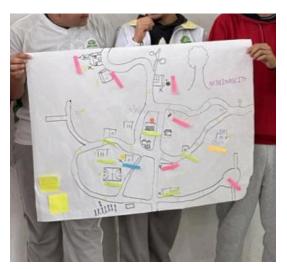
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## **Community Site Assessment Appendix**

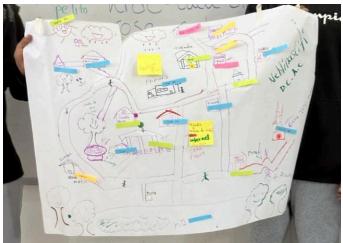
Map of drought in Mexico. As of January 31 of this year, the region in which Neblinas is located is considered to be in an exceptional drought.



In December 2023, Rayanne and I went to the *colegio* and conducted the PACA activity "Community Mapping." In 5 groups divided by gender, the students were tasked with drawing the most important places in their community and identifying the frequency at which they visit those places in the community. They were also tasked with identifying changes they would like to see in their community. The results of the five groups were surprisingly similar. All identified the church, the schools, and the health center as the most important places.











During our first three months, we also attended a number of CONANP events. In November, we attended an event displaying the results of two biodiversity monitoring brigades that were funded through PROREST. In early December, we attended the Feria de Maíz in Arroyo Seco. In late December, we attended CONANP's annual Christmas posada. And in February, we attended the 9th and final meeting of the Sierra Gorda Biosphere Reserve Advisory Committee in Landa de Matamoros.







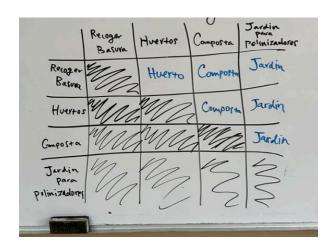
In January, we started teaching environmental science classes in the *primaria* and *secundaria*. With the students in the *primaria*, we asked them to draw what comes to mind for them when thinking about the environment. We also taught lessons on ecosystem services and pollution. In the *secundaria*, I gave a lesson on the environment and climate change as well as a workshop on composting. Through a pair-wise ranking exercise, the students identified the projects they want to work on throughout the semester.

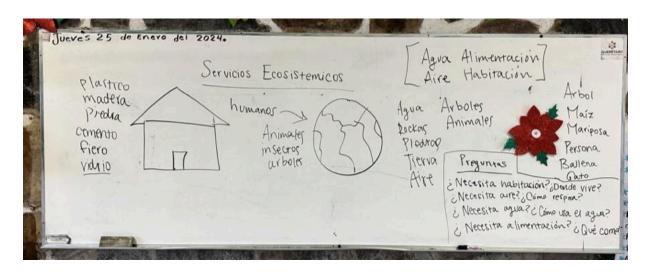






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Throughout the first three months, I also dedicated much of my time to looking for and identifying local species and keeping track of the biodiversity in Naturalista. In the first 3 months of being here, I made 209 observations and identified 165 species. The biodiversity in Neblinas is simply incredible, and this is a project I aim to continue working on during my service.

