

At the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, the Landscape Architecture is approached in three stages during the Architecture career through a theoretical subject, a project or as a final degree project. The exercises chosen are a sample of the methodology used in the process of learning and reflection on landscape. Through

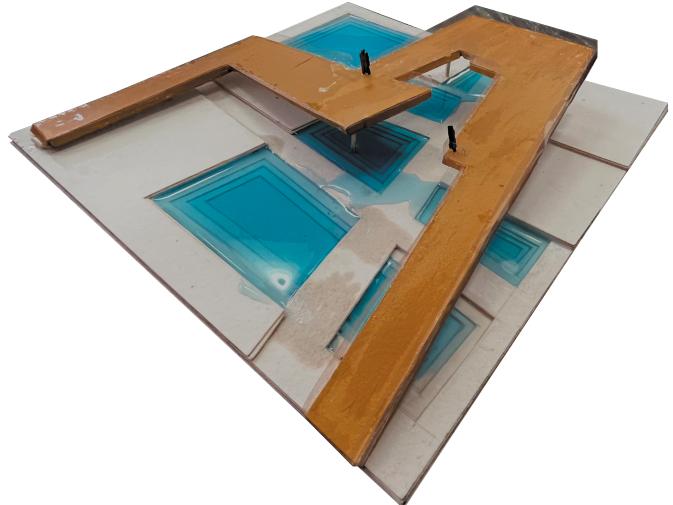
short, exploratory exercises focused on a specific theme, the student acquires tools and learning to put them into practice in more complex and longer exercises. Thus, knowledge of tree architecture (Francis Hallé and his morphological patterns) is the basis for exploring different compositions with potential for designing urban forests, where they reinforce the strategies of planting frames. In another, (Microtopographies) the earthworks serve to create water bodies with different functions (wetland, detention basin, lake, among others) allows to understand the variability of the landscape and its mutation according to different levels.

The incorporation of a bridge explores the way in which this aquatic landscape is perceived. With the bio-fun artefacts, the student conceptualises and designs urban furniture, in which he/she must know, understand and master the bushy and ground-covering plant material with its associated biodiversity. In doing so, it proposes intensive nodes of socio-ecological interaction. Urban children are the privileged users where they will be able to connect with and learn from nature in environments that are increasingly hostile to their development. The 'Pijao Bio-Park' exemplifies the ability and sensitivity of the Xaverian student towards the

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Country/City **University / School** Academic year Title of the project Microtopographies: Landscape bridges Authors



Title of the project	Microtopographies: Landscape bridges	
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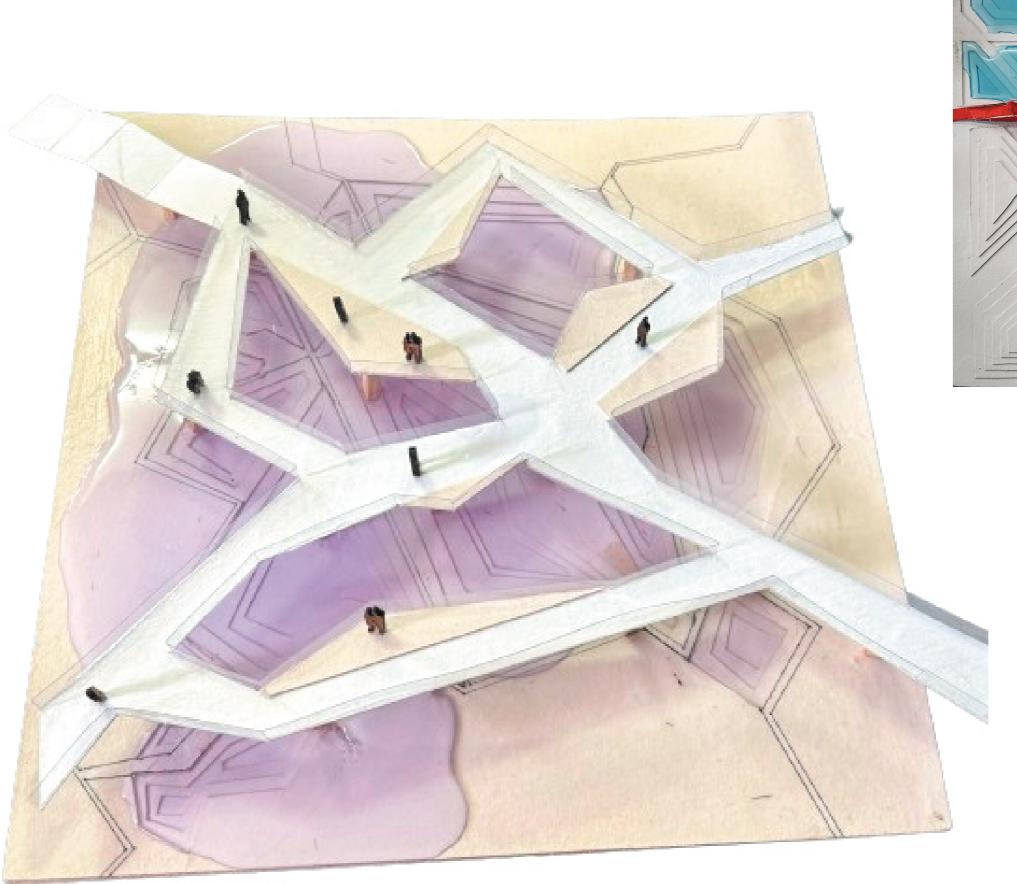
Julio Cortazar once asked, "What is a bridge? A bridge is a person crossing a bridge."
Cortázar reminds us that it is the action within space that creates architecture. But at the same time, the architecture that surrounds and limits the body, is the
way architecture and the inhabitants become inseparable.
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On this exercise topography and the bridge designed specially for it, is the key element of designing the landscape. For this the overall model should have the
following conditions: Elevation (the bridge should rise to dominate the landscape while respecting the maximum slope allowed for accessibility) Directional chan-
ges (includes changes in direction to offer multiple perspectives and visual experiences along the path) Resting spaces (it must incorporate at least one resting
area along its route, creating a pause within the journey) and Hydrological integration (within the topography it should create a small meander to slow down water
and at certain points retain water temporarily. It is important to note that the bridge is not only a means of connection, but is an architectural and experiential
element embedded in the landscape.
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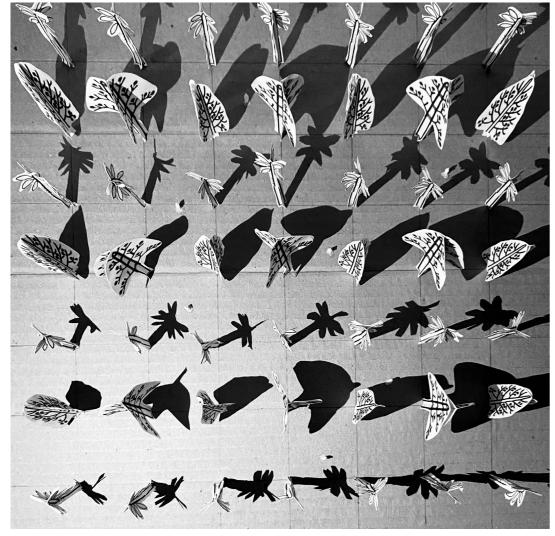
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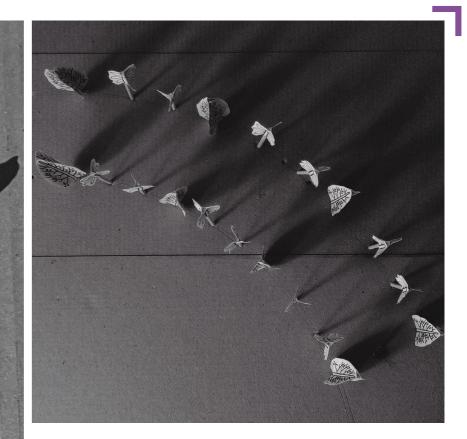
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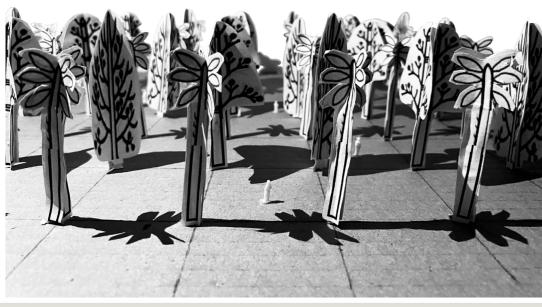




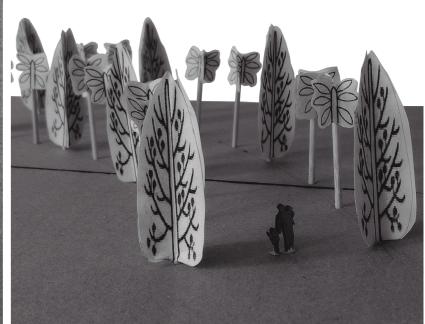












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Colombia, Bogota



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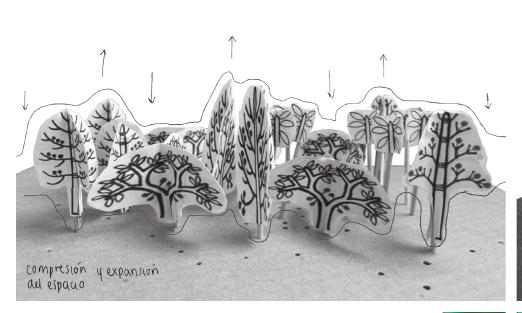
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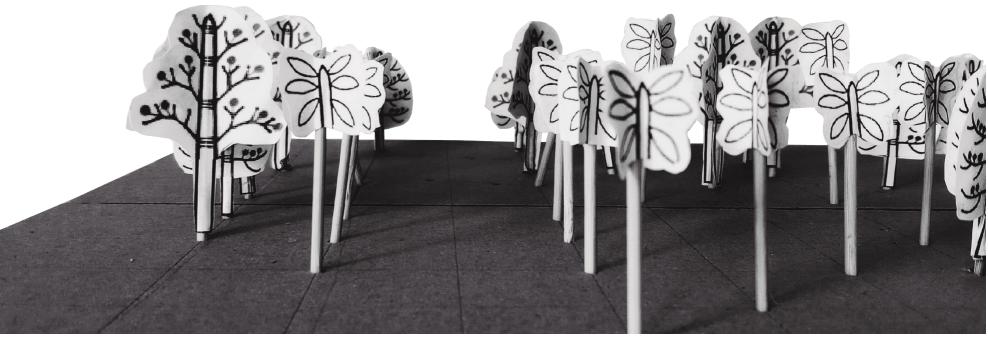
The goal of this project is to learn now to compose spaces and volumes using the miasses and lines, based on the understanding of their architectural character
ristics. By recognizing the architecture of the trees, the students create compositions within a planting framework defined by themselves. The project includes
three types of spatial compositions using different species and arrangements of trees, which are, the double linear, grid and the patch composition, each of
these configurations will result in different ways in which the individual can perceive the landscape.
Through these exercises, students will develop a deeper understanding of how trees, as architectural elements, contribute to the definition and articulation of
space in landscape design.

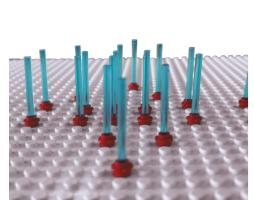
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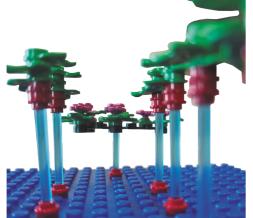
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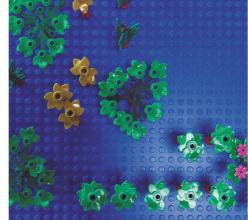
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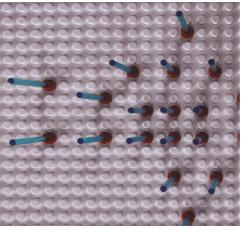










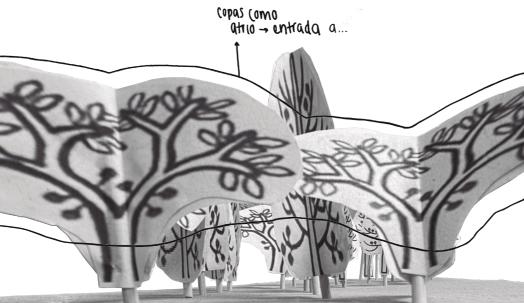


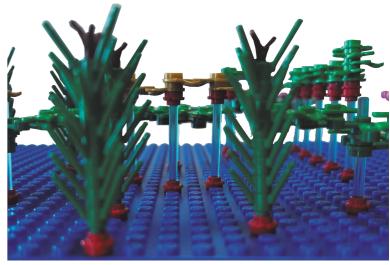




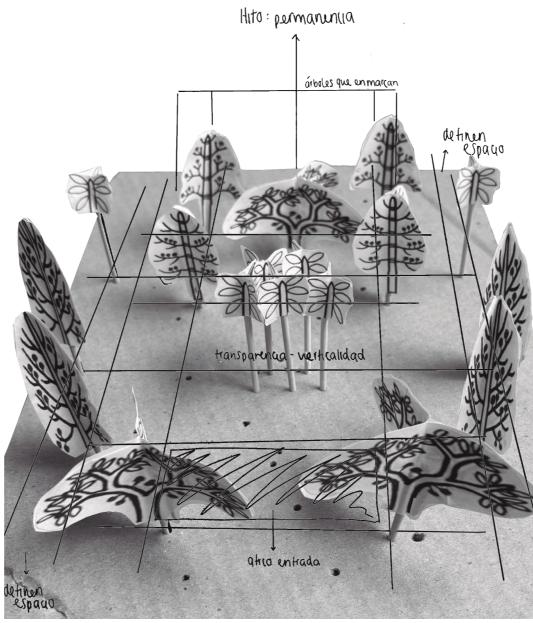


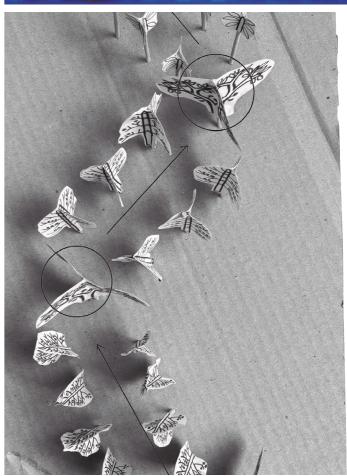














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Title of the project Authors BIO-Fun Devices an exploration on biodiversity and childhood in the city

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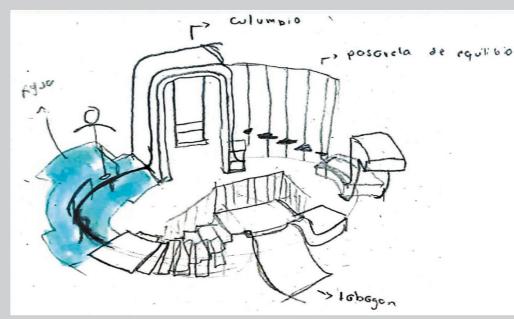


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The Bio-Fun devices main objective is to design artifacts aimed to attract biodiversity and to generate community gathering spaces where people can learn key elements on different qualities of the Bogotá landscape, through the use of different characteristics of playground games (swinging, spinning, sliding) and architecture archetypes (wall, staircase, roof). These can be located in urban areas lacking public spaces, and green areas.

The "Diver Huerta" is based on the staircase archetype and the playground game characteristic of spinning and swinging. These elements create an outdoor circuit with a seed bank, where the objective is to teach about the importance of urban gardens and its impact on biodiversity in the city. Priority is given to planting "fruit" and native species that have the ability to attract pollinating species and introduce a "biodiversity node" in neighborhoods lacking biodiverse green areas.

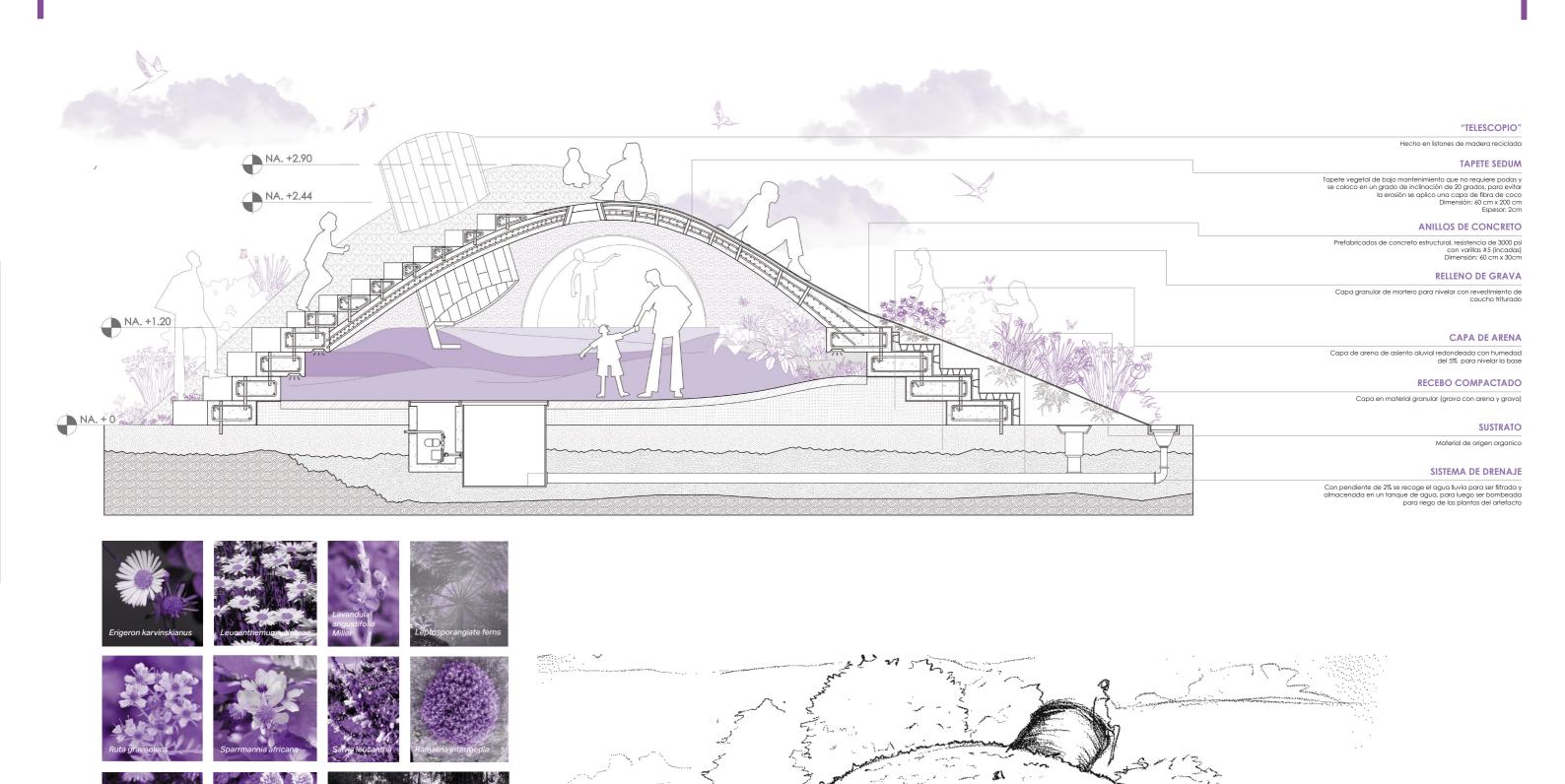
The "Cueva de sueños" artifact is based on sliding games and uses the staircase archetype. It generates micro-landscapes in small spaces, in this case a mountain, which provides a refuge not only for children to explore but also for pollinating species and birds. By planting yellow, white and purple species it alludes to the plant palette of the high Andean forest, reinforcing the form of the artifact.

The devices aim to be a space capable of building community ties through play and participation, as a learning space about biodiversity, species, and native ecosystems.

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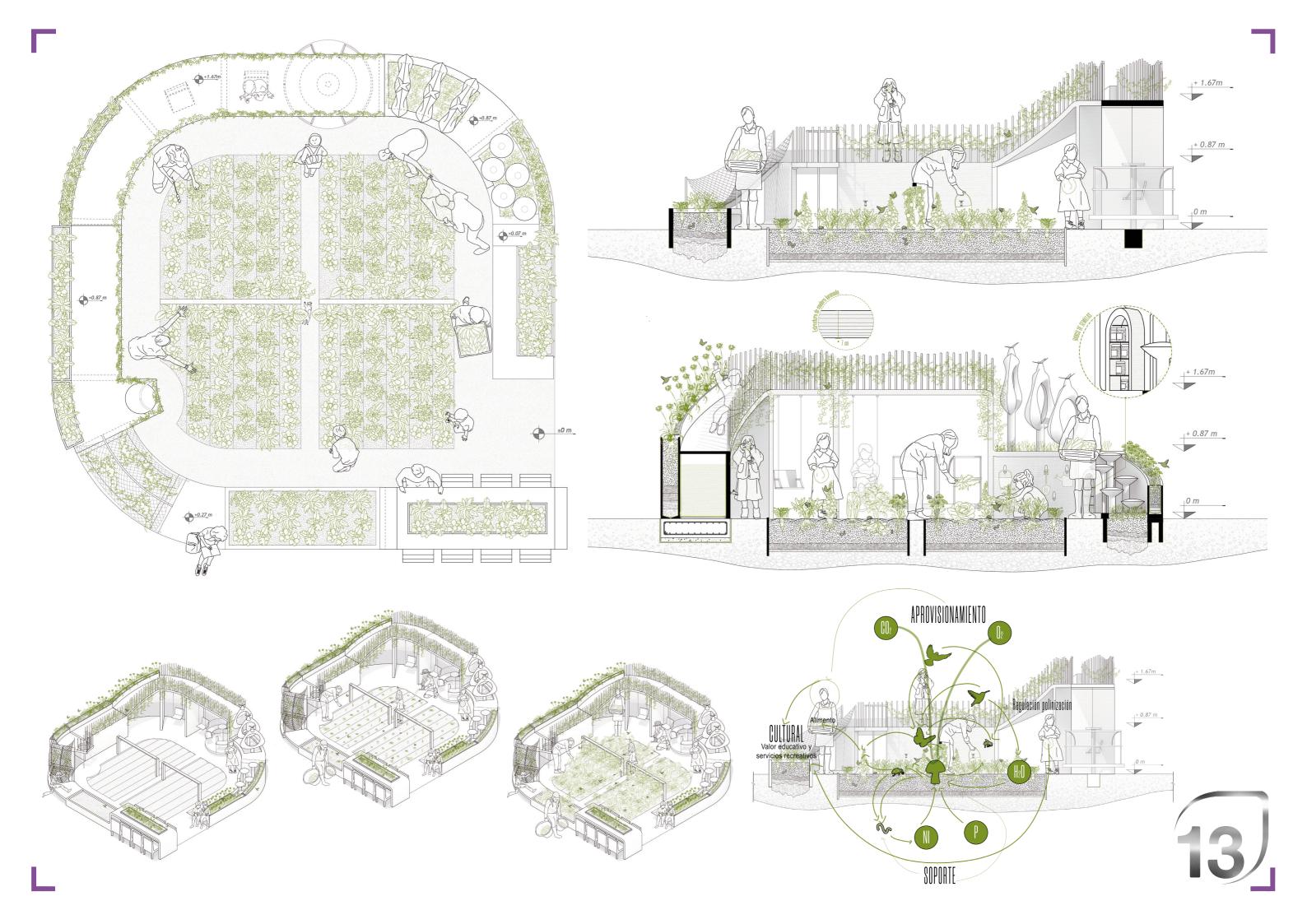


"Cueva de sueños" María Catalina Ruiz Hoyos



"Diver Huerta"
Juan Manuel Sanchez Pacheco







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Establishing human and ecological connectivity, considering that the landscape is:

"The territory that emerges from human and/or natural actions and interactions over time, where abiotic and biotic factors interact with anthropogenic elements."
(European Landscape Convention, 2000)





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Pijao Educational Ecopark - Landscapes among urban ecotones

Jaehyun Lee

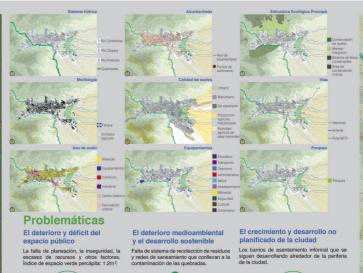


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Pijao Educational Ecopark is a productive, metropolitan-scale park located in Ibagué, Colombia, known for its rich cultural heritage and natural landscapes.

Tolima, where Ibagué is situated, has long been a major agricultural producer, thanks to its rich hydrology. It is also home to indigenous communities, including the Pijao. The project responds to the need to create a boundary on Ibagué's eastern side to curb urban sprawl, while offering a multifunctional public space that integrates social, ecological, educational, and economic aspects.

Urban ecotones are the processes developed in tension zones between rural and urban ecosystems. As the main concept to the development of the park, it seeks to reestablish the relationship among the urban, natural, and rural through transition areas and the activities in each level connecting natural and artificial.

The park introduces spaces for community-based agriculture, environmental education, and recreation. It emphasizes four key aspects of Pijao's production system: rotational agriculture, slash and burn, polyculture, and fishing. In collaboration with educational institutions, the park provides opportunities for visitors to learn about these ancient agricultural practices, which offer solutions to modern ecological challenges.

Ecological restoration is central to the design, with strategies for recovering native vegetation, managing stormwater, and boosting biodiversity. The park also serves as a buffer zone, reducing environmental risks and improving the quality of life for surrounding communities. Ultimately, the park is envisioned as a dynamic living infrastructure that strengthens community ties, reconnects people with the land, and supports a more sustainable urban future for Ibagué.

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