

Project Update: January 2017

Since starting our project in October 2016, we have brought together a group of 28 youths and adults from rural and indigenous communities in Chiapas. We officially launched the workshop series “Native bees: knowledge and practices in our territories”, offering four 20-hour workshop sessions to date. These capacity-building workshops have covered topics such as native bee diversity, introduction to stingless bee management, the role of bees in the ecosystem and territory, factors that threaten bee populations and the environment as a whole (including socio-political and environmental context), identity, melliferous plants, and principles and values for stingless bee management, among others.

During workshop sessions, we have sought to create space for collective learning, covering management strategies and holistic reflections regarding bees, territory, bee management, and farmer livelihoods.

We are happy to report that with the bees as our teachers we will continue to learn for and with them!



Left: Collective learning on diversity of native bees. Right: Group of young and adult people involved in the learning process.