

Final Evaluation Report

Your Details	
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Project Title	Diversity, local knowledge and management of stingless bees (Apidae: Meliponini) in Michoacan, Mexico, strategies for conservation
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1. Indicate the level of achievement of the project's original objectives and include any relevant comments on factors affecting this.

Objective	Not achieved	Partially achieved	Fully achieved	Comments
Document and registered local knowledge and traditional stingless bees' management strategies from rural communities in Michoacan, Mexico				The results were published in a scientific paper.
Record the diversity and distribution of stingless bees from Michoacán, Mexico.				The results were published in a scientific paper.
Dissemination of the ecological and cultural importance of stingless bees.				

2. Describe the three most important outcomes of your project.

- a).** A scientific paper of traditional knowledge and local management with stingless bees of Michoacan, Mexico.
- b).** A scientific paper of diversity and distribution of stingless bees of Michoacan, Mexico.
- c).** Many conferences and workshops on the ecological and cultural importance of stingless bees.

3. Explain any unforeseen difficulties that arose during the project and how these were tackled.

The support of local authorities. Investing a lot of time and communication to have the initial trust of the local authorities.

4. Describe the involvement of local communities and how they have benefited from the project.

Some community participated better than others. They all benefited from the information that was left to them (posters, written information and other outreach materials).

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

If moving towards the implementation of sustainable management and conservation strategies for these native bees in some of the key localities that were identified, there are highly interested people and social groups.

6. How do you plan to share the results of your work with others?

It has already been shared by scientific journals and at Rufford Foundation conferences. I hope to share in international and national conferences.

7. Looking ahead, what do you feel are the important next steps?

Now that we document the local knowledge and traditional management practices with these bees and their diversity and distribution, the next thing is to propose conservation and rescue actions for these insects. Also undertake productive use actions with some species of these native bees.

8. Did you use The Rufford Foundation logo in any materials produced in relation to this project? Did the Foundation receive any publicity during the course of your work?

Yes, on the publicity banners and all the conferences and workshops.

9. Provide a full list of all the members of your team and their role in the project.

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Maria Isabel Ramírez Ramírez project advisor.

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10. Any other comments?

N/A