

Project Update: September 2018

We started the project in July 2018 with planning and fieldwork dates for this year. We considered the following facts: distance, time to reach each locality, services, transportation, gas, food, and material to native people. Once dates were already defined we started fieldwork and bought the essential material to make the sampling in each site along the study.

The first fieldwork was successfully done in Guerrero in August 2018. Two localities were included in this travel over a natural area called Omiltemi and another in Acahuizotla which is the central part of our major area of study, the Sierra Madre del Sur (SMSr). I was able to define a transect to take samples and evaluate conditions of the area (e.g. conserved, damaged, recent human activity, etc.) also efforts to apply methodologies in each site. A preliminary survey, test of equipment bought and sorting the area was done. I sampled each site and a couple of specimens were recovered, these showed to me that the area is conserved.

Activities developed:

- Talk with native people in villages about our interest in study the region and biodiversity where they live.
- Show our interest and explain how long we will work there.
- Invite native people to help and share experiences in fieldwork with me.
- Take our first data to the project.
- Planning subsequent fieldwork in additional zones.



Site in Omiltemi, Guerrero. ©Adilson



Site of study in Acahuizotla, Guerrero. ©Adilson