

## Project Update September 2025

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**Project Title:** Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles to Monitor Population Demography and Habitat Loss of the Cirio (*Fouquieria columnaris*)

**Update:** In recent days, the peninsular region of Baja California Sur, where we are working (ID 40900-2), has experienced severe rainfall that has caused significant damage, leaving some communities isolated, without telephone service or vehicular access.

For this reason, the activities scheduled from September 18 to 23, including a workshop and outreach with the ejidatarios of Mulegé, will need to be postponed. We will reschedule these activities as soon as roads and services are restored, always prioritizing the safety of our team and the local ejidal population. Given that further heavy rains are forecasted, activities will resume only when it is completely safe.

I am writing to keep you informed of the current situation and to anticipate that, in principle, this should not affect the delivery timeline of my final report in October-November. If the situation extends further, I will provide updates and, if necessary, propose adjustments to our program.

Attached are some news articles from Mexican media documenting recent events:

<https://www.milenio.com/videos/estados/tormenta-mario-provoca-inundaciones-destruye-carretera-mulege-bcs>

<https://oem.com.mx/elsudcaliforniano/local/hay-mas-de-50-familias-inundadas-en-san-ignacio-mulege-25784960>

<https://www.bcsnoticias.mx/atienden-zonas-afectadas-por-intensas-lluvias-en-mulege-activaron-protocolos-de-emergencia/>