

## Project Update June 2025

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### **Update:**

A summary of the main developments:

- We have developed an efficient technique for monitoring the demographics of the focal species. I am drafting a scientific article describing the methodology and the results obtained. I will submit it for peer review to strengthen its content before publication.
- The outreach document, an informative checklist on regional flora and conservation status for ecotourism providers, is nearly complete. Its presentation is tentatively planned for next month in a workshop with local communities, where results will also be shared with protected area managers. Several NGOs have expressed interest in co-financing the printing and distribution.
- Part of the funds were allocated to genetically evaluating oak trees that may be a potential new species. Samples were collected, DNA extracted, sent for analysis, and received on June 2nd. Results are expected in 4 to 5 weeks to clarify this taxonomic question.
- On May 12th, I gave a talk at the Autonomous University of Baja California, presenting the Rufford-funded project and its conservation achievements for the cirio (*Fouquieria columnaris*). I am attaching a certificate of recognition as proof.