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### **Project Updates**

In September 2024, we returned to the farms where we had conducted our collections to present the results of our research to the cocoa producers. The meetings provided a rich exchange of experiences and knowledge with the cocoa producers, who shared their main challenges related to cocoa production, as well as their perceptions and relationship with the biodiversity associated with cocoa agroforests. During the discussions, we also presented the objectives of our research group, the key questions and challenges of the project, the importance of biodiversity conservation for maintaining ecosystem services (especially those directly related to cocoa production), the main species of bees and social wasps collected in cocoa agroforests and forest remnants, as well as the role of cocoa agroforests in maintaining the diversity of these insects.



Fig. 1 - Scientific dissemination activity and presentation of the results of our research project to cocoa producers in the southern region of Bahia, Brazil.



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