



## GEF-Satoyama Subgrantee Highlights Report

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**<Highlight 1>**: Regular meetings of the “Semillero de estudios socio-ecológicos”  
 A study group on socio-ecosystems was established at the Universidad Industrial de Santander after a public call in June, 2016. Currently, 46 undergraduate students from both, social and natural sciences are members of the group. The group meets on regular basis for exchanging ideas on socio ecological studies, discuss basic notions on ecology, biodiversity and environmental services, social research methods and topics related to the GEF-Satoyama project. Within this group, four social work students and three biology students, and one history student are directly involved in designing activities related to the project, as part of their own undergraduate thesis.

**<Highlight 2>**: Participation in the First Meeting of Students’ Research Groups – Faculty of Sciences, Universidad Industrial de Santander.  
 As part of the celebration of the Biologists Day in Colombia, with the lead of students from the Biology School at Universidad Industrial de Santander organized a whole day event on October 18<sup>th</sup> at Bucaramanga Botanical garden. The “semillero de estudios socio-ecológicos” took active part during the event, the group prepared a stand in which information on the Semillero and the GEF-Satoyama project was distributed and socialized. As an additional activity, four members of the “semillero” conducted a workshop on social cartography, as a way to get a feeling of the botanical garden and to make themselves comfortable with the methodology as it will be one of the research methods we will use in San Vicente de Chucurí in the context of the project.

**<Highlight 3>**: Design of the Resilience Indicators Workshop  
 Since November 2016, the research team and the semillero is working jointly in designing the resilience indicators’ workshop to be carried out in San Vicente de Chucurí. The methodology was presented by Corina Buendía, who participated in the workshop in Ecuador, and was studied and discussed by the other researchers. The meetings at the semillero where the scenarios in which the assessment of the resilience indicators was adapted to our project and an strategy to carry out such an assessment was produced.

**<Highlight 4>**: Alliances with stakeholders in San Vicente  
 The research team aims to formalize alliances contact with two relevant organizations in San Vicente: the environmental organization Fundación Natura, and the National Park Serranía de Yariguíes. During the meeting in October the GEF-Satoyama project was presented and discussed with functionaries of both organizations. Currently we are working on the formalization of a cooperation agreement with Fundación Natura. This organization is open to facilitate the contact with local farmers and have relevant information for understanding natural and socio-economic conditions of the landscape in which the project will be developed.

**<Highlight 5>**: Interviews with locals inhabitants of at San Vicente de Chucurí  
 As a way to collect relevant information on the recent history of San Vicente de Chucurí, the researcher Juan Carlos Aceros realized a visit to San Vicente in December 2016. The researcher carried out the interviews around a previously designed schedule. Three interviews were conducted with local people of San Vicente, including farmers, residents in the urban area and representatives of farmers organizations. The data collected will be used as an input for the resilience indicator’s assessment.

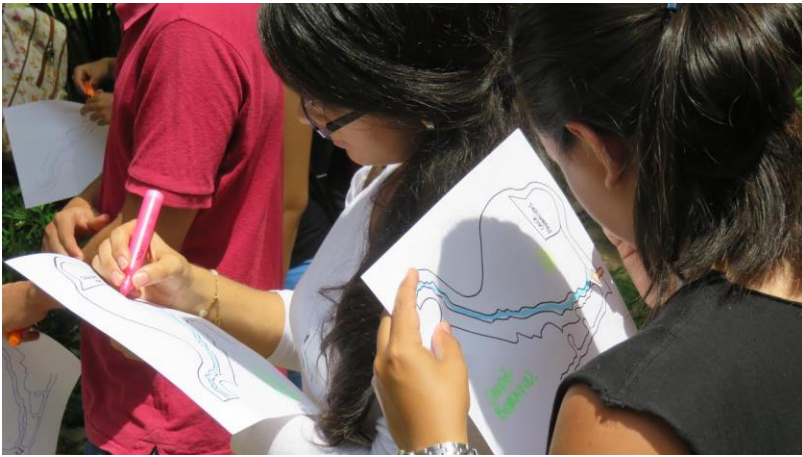
## Photos



<Highlight 1>: Working session on resilience indicators with the Semillero de estudios socio-ecológicos, Universidad Industrial de Santander, Bucaramanga, Colombia. ©Universidad Industrial de Santander / Juan Carlos Aceros



<Highlight 2>: Stand of project at the Biologist day, Jardín Botánico Eloy Valenzuela, Bucaramanga, Colombia Universidad Industrial de Santander, Bucaramanga, Colombia. © Universidad Industrial de Santander / Juan Carlos Aceros



Group participating on the social cartography workshop, [Jardin Botánico Eloy Valenzuela, Bucaramanga, Colombia](#) Universidad Industrial de Santander, Bucaramanga, Colombia. © Universidad Industrial de Santander / Juan Carlos Aceros



Research team members with Claudia Cespedes (Functionary of the Fundación Natura) and Irvin Herrera (National park functionary) and the [Jardín Botánico Eloy Valenzuela, Bucaramanga, Colombia](#) Universidad Industrial de Santander, Bucaramanga, Colombia. © Universidad Industrial de Santander / Juan Carlos Aceros



<Highlight 4>: Meeting with the functionaries of Fundación Natura and Serranía de los Yariquíes National Park, Oficina de Parques Nacionales, San Vicente de Chucurí, Colombia. © Universidad Industrial de Santander / Juan Carlos Aceros



<Highlight 5>: Researches Visiting a coffee/cacao farm at Vereda la Colorada, San Vicente de Chucurí, Colombia. © Corpoica / Diego Alejandro Zárate



<Highlight 5>: Celebration during Cacao fairy, San Vicente de Chucurí, Colombia. © Corpoica / Diego Alejandro Zárate