



GEF-Satoyama Subgrantee Highlights Report

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<Highlight 1>: Ethnographic fieldwork continues.

An ethnography on women's role in the landscape is ongoing. A group of three students visited new farms, learning about daily life in the study region.

<Highlight 2>: Participation in the consolidation workshop at Mauritius.

During three days, two representatives of the research team participated in the consolidation workshop in which subgrant project proponents together to assessed progress, share experiences and consolidate lessons learned. As part of the event, the research team's representative presented the project to the assistants, and actively participated in the roundtables with other proponents.

<Highlight 3>: Consolidation of a touristic project in La Germania .

As a result of the resilience assessment, the research team identified an interest in the community of La Germania (San Vicente de Chucuri) on organize itself around a project on community tourism. Two meetings with a core group were organized in September 2018. The meetings' aim is to consolidate the touristic project, and further meetings will be organized during the months to come.

<Highlight 4>: Socio-economic mapping to provide inputs to commercialization initiatives at Las Cruces.

Another topic of interest in the community is the improvement of commercialization processes. To support such an idea, a professional on Social Work is making a map of institutions, plans, programs and resources. The aim is to identify potential allies for community projects or initiatives on commercialization of local products. The map will offer inputs for decision making on future projects by the community.

<Highlight 5>: Characterization of "Fincas para el intercambio de conocimiento" and construction of action plans.

The research team is consolidating knowledge-interchange farms as an integral strategy to promote actions in different development dimensions such as community tourism, cultivation of organic products as well as improved strategies for commercialization. Actions plans for each farm are developed based on a modified resilience indicators assessment at the farm-level.

<Highlight 6>: Exchange of knowledge workshops.

As a part of the farms for knowledge-interchange strategy, activities have been carried out that foster the exchange of knowledge between families, farms and other actors. These activities included a agro-eco-cultural characterization highlighting the eco-touristic potential of one farm. On another farm a workshop about biodynamic agriculture has been carried out with participation of many members of the community. These activities generate spaces and opportunities for knowledge inter-change between different actors which help to identify new opportunities for the inhabitants of the Las Cruces watershed.

<Highlight 7>: The biodiversity sampling has been completed.

The biodiversity sampling has been completed. The students of bird, terrestrial vertebrates, plants, ants and beetles are corroborating the identification of the species and the analysis of data are in process. The student Mateo Jaimes received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with the thesis “Flujo de trabajo en procesamiento de imagen y modelamiento 3D de un cultivo mediante imágenes aéreas obtenidas por VANT”. Furthermore a local guide about the birds of the landscape is elaborated including more than 200 species.

<Highlight 8>: The socio-economic questionnaires have been completed.

Students have completed the application of socioeconomic questionnaires in a sample of 46 farms. The questionnaire allowed the collection of general household and farm information, the gathering of data about income, expenses and capital of the farms, and the recognition of farmers’ perception about ecosystems services. In combination with the future scenarios developed with the community, this will allow the study of the impacts of future land-use transformations on socio-economies and ecosystem services.

Photos



Picture H1. Ethnography. San Vicente de Chucurí seen from one of the visited farms. © Juan C. Aceros



Picture H2a. Consolidation workshop. Visiting EPCO project site at Mahebourg, Mauritius. © Juan C. Aceros.



Picture H2b. Consolidation workshop. Researchers during a roundtable with the Tropical Andes' group at Mauritius. © Juan C. Aceros.



Picture H3. Meeting on Tourism at La Germania. Meeting with local inhabitants interested in providing touristic services in Las Cruces. © Juan C. Aceros.



Picture H6. Deriva Workshop ©Ana Lucia Reu



Picture H6. Biodynamic Agriculture Workshop ©Andres Martinez



Picture H7. Oscar Sanabria in the laboratory identify the morphospecies of formicidae, registered in coffee and cocoa plantations ©Carolina Santos-Heredia



Picture H8a. Cattle ranch visited during the application of socio-economic questionnaires. ©Tatiana Rodríguez



Picture H8. Crops visited during the application of socio-economic questionnaires. ©Lukas Muñoz