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President

Dr. Luis Antonio Tarango Arámbula

Luis Tarango is a Full-time Professor and Researcher at the Colegio de Postgraduados, Campus San Luis Potosí, where he has dedicated over 35 years to research, teaching, and outreach in the field of natural resources. His academic background includes a bachelor's degree from the Universidad Autónoma Chapingo (1985), a master's degree in wildlife and fisheries from New Mexico State University (1994), and a Ph.D. in Natural Resources from The University of Arizona (2000). His research focuses on the conservation of endangered species and the exploration of alternative natural resources, such as edible insects in arid and semi-arid regions of Mexico. Throughout his career, he has participated in conservation projects such as the reintroduction of the wild turkey in Aguascalientes and Guanajuato, as well as the monitoring of bighorn sheep in northern Mexico. He also contributed to the United States – Mexico recovery team of the Mexican spotted owl. Luis Tarango has been recognized by the US Forest Service (2018), New Mexico State University (2010), and The Wildlife Society (2020) for his work in the management and conservation of wildlife. His collaborative work with institutions such as Texas A&M University and The Wildlife Society has enriched his research networks and expanded his academic profile. In his teaching role, he has trained professionals in the conservation and sustainable management of natural resources, focusing on creating knowledge that seeks to improve both biodiversity and the well-being of local communities. His commitment to disseminating knowledge and fostering a scientific community remains a priority throughout his professional career.





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Secretary

Dr. Cuauhcihuatl Vital García

Cuau has been a full-time professor and researcher at Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez for the last 15 years, she teaches at the Veterinary undergraduate and at the Animal Science graduate program. She graduated from University of Texas at El Paso with a bachelor's degree in biology and went on to Indiana University at Bloomington to pursue her doctoral degree in ecology, evolution and behavior; during her academic education she worked with harvester ants, monarch butterfly, zebrafish and spiny lizards. Her research interests include mammal conservation in the Chihuahuan desert; she has recently also investigated wildlife pathogens, parasites and urbanization processes and their impact on wildlife welfare. She has participated in conservation and wildlife diseases projects including mule deer, bison, coyotes and kangaroo rats. She has collaborated with different scientists regarding spiny lizard communicative behavior and evolution, pocket gopher diet, jaguar distribution, urban birds. She has advised over 20 master and doctoral thesis involving wildlife and is involved in several citizen science programs that strive to disseminate and involve the kids and public in general in conservation efforts.





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Treasurer

Dr. César Posadas Leal

César Posadas is a Full-time Professor and Researcher in the Agronomy School at Universidad Autónoma de San Luis Potosi (San Luis Potosi University), where he has dedicated over 19 years to research, teaching, and outreach in the field of natural resources. His academic background includes a bachelor's degree from the Universidad Autónoma de San Luis Potosi (1990), a master's degree in wildlife and Fisheries from New Mexico State University (1997), and a Ph.D. in Environmental Science from the Instituto Potosino de Investigación Científica y Tecnológica (IPICYT) (2009). His research focuses on the grassland birds, diet of predators and diet of herbivores in arid and semi-arid regions of Mexico and in forested areas. Throughout his career, he has participated in environment impact projects from miner activities, also the reintroduction of the wild turkey in San Luis Potosi. He has also participated in projects with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission with crocodile on swamp in 2011. In his teaching role, he has trained professionals in the conservation and sustainable management of natural resources, mainly with grassland and forest birds and inclusive developed a Bird Watcher Club at the San Luis Potosi University (COAPU). He has participated with the Comisión Nacional de Áreas Naturales Protegidas (CONANP Agency) working with communities of people that live in the forests of grasslands into the Protected Areas such as national forests, natural reserves or national parks. He enjoyed teaching and monitoring wildlife with young people that also are interested in natural resources. Right now, he is the General Secretary of the Agronomy School at San Luis Potosi University.

