



## **CPSG Mesoamerica Activities Report**

### **Workshops and other activities**

#### **Workshop to develop a Wildlife Health Plan for the Galápagos Islands**

CBSG Mesoamerica was invited help develop a Wildlife Health Plan for Conservation in the Galápagos. This took place in the Galápagos Islands following a similar format to the previous successful workshop, convened by Wildlife Conservation Society, Agencia de Regulación y Control de la Bioseguridad y Cuarentena para Galápagos, Dirección del Parque Nacional Galápagos, and Fundación Charles Darwin. The workshop was attended by 37 people and included representatives of Ecuadorian government and non-government authorities and researchers, joined by visiting scientists who have experience in animal health and research related projects in the Galápagos Islands, along with wildlife health professionals with extensive experience in wildlife health investigations from other worldwide locations. The workshop was successful and resulted in a Health Plan for the conservation of the Galápagos species. It consisted of a suite of six interrelated working groups focus in achieving positive health contributions to conservation in the Galápagos. The Final Report is going to be published soon and will have an English and Spanish version. The Report will be used both by participants and others to work together to direct wildlife health activities and research throughout the archipelago

#### **Conservation Strategy for Native Bees of Cost Rica**

FUNDAZOO has been working with Universidad Nacional in a project with stingless bees that includes investigation, education and conservation. Part of the conservation area was to do a Conservation Plan for the group. The workshop was held on March 29-31 at The Tropical Apiculture Research Center of the National University and Centro de Conservación Santa Ana facilities, with an attendance of 55 participants representing 18 institutions and organizations in the areas of research, conservation, government, agriculture and beekeeping. participants met in six working groups on issues concerning problems or information gaps on the conservation of native bees: 1. Training, 2. Education, 3. Habitat, 4. Research, 5. Normative and Territorial Planning and 6. Pesticides and Waste



Management. Each group worked on objectives and actions to fulfill the Vision of the Conservation Strategy: **"To ensure that bees are better than today to safeguard their vital role in the ecosystems."** The Final Report has been published and will be presented in the 10<sup>th</sup> Mesoamerican Congress of Native Bees, that is going to be in Guatemala on November 2017.

### **Lima Gecko PHVA**

The interest about this workshop still exist but the funds needed to do it not. This endangered species is known only from a number of archeological localities within Lima, Peru, and it is classified as Critically Endangered by IUCN's Red List. CPSG Mesoamerica supported Universidad Nacional Cayetano Heredia in the elaboration of a grant proposal and the workshop is expected to be done on November 6-10 of 2017.

### **Other activities**

As previous years, CPSG Mesoamerica staff was invited to Texas A&M Soltis Center. This Center introduces veterinary students, to conservation medicine in the context of the cloud forest ecosystems of rural Costa Rica and CPSG has been invited to give presentations about the role of zoos in conservation and the role of PVAs in assessing the conservation status and management activities for endangered species.

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