

# CESP PROJECT

## Course on Participatory Biodiversity Monitoring: Building Locally, Connecting Globally

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Main goal:  
Strengthening  
participatory biodiversity  
monitoring initiatives in the  
region



## Two types of actions

### 1. Regional training support

A participatory monitoring course at the Río Claro natural reserve in Antioquia, Colombia with leaders and managers of participatory monitoring initiatives from Mexico, Chile, Bolivia, Peru, Brazil, Spain, Argentina and Colombia.

October 23-28, 2017

50 participants, 8 countries, 25 organizations

Course web page: <https://www.sibcolombia.net/curso-de-monitoreo-participativo-en-biodiversidad/>





## Goals of the course:



Presenting **conceptual and methodological bases to build a participatory monitoring plan** that responds to the needs of the different actors.



Presenting in a practical way **social technologies and methodological tools** that facilitate the work between scientists and civil society for the construction of common objectives in the monitoring



Explaining basic aspects to **plan data management and participatory monitoring information**, including citizen science technology tools, publication platforms and good practices that facilitate its use at the local, regional and global levels



Discussing **instruments and methodologies for monitoring and evaluating** the impact of participatory monitoring initiatives at three levels: science, people and socio-ecological systems



**Exchanging experiences and lessons learnt** among participants





## Some conclusions and outputs from the course

- Outputs to be completed by May 2018:
  - drawing up a monitoring participatory plan
  - publishing open data through GBIF
- Upcoming workshop on data processing and publication with Colombian participants
- Successful methodology created by [TejeRedes](http://TejeRedes.org): constant feedback during the course, open circles and a poster-board for questions and suggestions and virtual survey



- Especially useful for consolidating a community that will continue working together in the long term and for exchanging experiences
- 94% participants scored the course as exceptional and highly effective
- In the Iberoamerican region there are many interesting citizen science projects, high value, but sometimes underrated
- Explore the possibility of creating a regional network on citizen science (as ECSA, ACSA, CSA) – CESP Call 2018 wasn't approved
- Positive and negative sides of limited access to the Internet

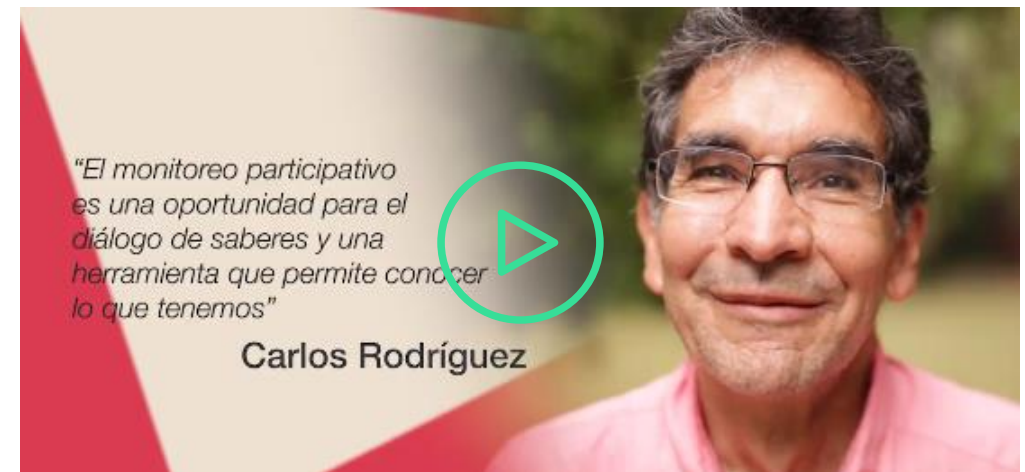




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### 2. Documentation

- I. Course reports including methodology, exchange of experiences and evaluation.
- II. Course videos:
  - About participatory monitoring process  
<https://youtu.be/Pf9tzEyRpWg>
  - 8 video capsules about lessons learnt by participants in the course  
<https://www.facebook.com/instituto.humboldt/videos/1594444620623088/>  
[https://twitter.com/inst\\_humboldt/status/930903574510555136](https://twitter.com/inst_humboldt/status/930903574510555136)
- III. A document containing selection criteria and good practices to be followed with citizen science data to facilitate their availability through the GBIF publication model (in Spanish) – available soon.









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**Thank you!**

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