



# COMBIOSEERVE

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*Participatory research and co-inquiry approaches  
in community-based management of biocultural  
diversity - examples from COMBIOSEERVE*

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*Fostering innovative dialogue between researchers and stakeholders to meet  
future challenges*



# Consortium Members

## Europe

- Institute for Environmental Science and Technology, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (ICTA-UAB)
- **Global Diversity Foundation (GDF)**
- Institute for Environmental Studies, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (IVM-VU)
- University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU), Vienna

## Brasil

- **Associação Nacional de Acao Indigenista (ANAI)**
- Universidade Estadual Feira de Santana (UEFS)

## Bolivia

- **Centro Boliviano de Desarrollo y de Investigación Socio Integral (CBIDSI)**
- Universidad Mayor de San Simon (UMSS)

## Mexico

- **Consejo Regional Indígena y Popular de X'pujil (CRIPX)**
- Instituto de Ecología A.C. (INECOL)

**RED = CSO**  
**BLACK = RTD**



# COMBIOSEERVE basics

## **Funding scheme**

Research for the benefit of specific groups – Civil Society Organisations (CSO)

## **Duration**

- 36 months - 15.01.2012 – 14.01.2015

## **EC Contribution**

- € 1,897,883.40

## **Coordinator**

- Christian R Vogl - BOKU, Austria



# COMBIOSENVE Aims

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Assessing the effectiveness of community-based management strategies for biocultural diversity conservation

COMBIOSENVE is a consortium of [ten institutions](#) working together to assess the effectiveness of community-based management strategies for biocultural diversity. Using a multi-disciplinary and participatory research strategy, the consortium seeks to identify the conditions and principles for successful community-based conservation initiatives in selected locations in Brazil, Bolivia and Mexico.

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We, as an indigenous organisation want to rescue the conservation.

For more details on project objectives and outcomes, [please click here](#).

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# Principal Aim

**COMBIOSEERVE seeks**

- to identify **conditions and principles** of successful **community-based natural resource management**
- to develop new scientific knowledge on the **current effectiveness of community-based management** for **biocultural diversity conservation**



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**→ Empower CSO and local communities to improve their conservation strategies**



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# Fieldsites





# Preliminary Results

- Principal Aim (in progress)
- Aims
  - Development of participatory research methods
  - Development of co-inquiry approaches
  - Common learning of local communities, CSO and RTD
  - Dissemination of results to CSOs
  - RTD Deliverables
    - Policy Brief „Resilience in biocultural community-based conservation: Coping with global environmental change”
    - Assessment per field site on the status of biodiversity and related conservation issues



# Dissemination

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# Dissemination

Dissemination Material	Researchers	Politicians	CSO	Local communities
Webpage & eNewsletter	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Research Manuals	Yes		Yes	
International Conference (Xalapa, Mexico, Oct 2014)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Policy Briefs		Yes		
Scientific publications	Yes			
Participatory Videos			Yes	Yes
Video letters & exchanges			Yes	Yes
Educational material			Yes	Yes





# Future Research Priorities Horizon 2020

## Technical

- Further developing a common framework for evaluating the effectiveness of community-based conservation

## Methodological

- Optimizing participatory research and co-inquiry approaches
- Learning from unsuccessful cases (random sampling)



# Summary

Innovative dialogue between researchers and local stakeholders through

- Research collaborations and co-inquiry approaches
- Participatory and interactive research methods
- Practical results
- Innovative dissemination strategies



# THANK YOU!



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