

Conservation of *Crocodylus acutus* based on environmental education, art and interculturality in an indigenous paradise on the coast of Oaxaca

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Abstract: The actions of conservation of wild species in Mexico and the participation of society in these have had an increase in recent years, some cases have been documented and published. Within these conservation actions we find environmental education, which is mainly characterized by being interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary, as well as having a range of possibilities and resources. Since 2016, an inclusive, dynamic and participatory synergy has been promoted on the coast of Oaxaca between environmental education, art and interculturality aimed at the conservation of species that inhabit the mangrove of La Ventanilla, municipality of Santa María Tonameca. The actions carried out have as a central point the conservation of the *Crocodylus acutus* source of income by means of responsible tourism and non-extractive use by the Cooperative Society of Ecotourism Services of La Ventanilla S.C. de R.L. de C.V. Work has been done to systematize and analyze the results of the actions carried out, in coordination with the Universidad Juárez Autónoma de Tabasco (UJAT) and the University of Guadalajara (UdG) to propose conservation strategies and future use of this species. The participation of the community has been fundamental for the continuity of the work carried out, as well as a dialogue and exchange of knowledge between different communities, scientists and artists of the Mexican territory.

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