

## Conservation, development, utilization and protection of social traditional knowledge and resources in Mexico (FONCICYT 95255)

The **Sharing Knowledge** initiative has been launched in Mexico by the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), the *Groupe d'Etudes et de Services pour l'Économie des Ressources* (GEYSER), the Autonomous University of Madrid and the Interdisciplinary Group for Appropriate Rural Technology (GIRA). The initiative, financed by the Fund of International Cooperation in Science and Technology *Mexico - European Union* (FONCICYT), is promoted by the National Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT), and brings together efforts from prestigious Mexican institutions and public entities such as the National Pedagogic University (UPN), the Ministry for Development and Equity for Communities (SEDEREC) of the Federal District Government and the National Institute of Indigenous Languages (INALI).

The initiative and its website are a space for research and dialogue about traditional knowledge. It promotes the development of productive and organizational practices of the communities in a sustainable way and respecting their cultures, through the mutual enrichment born from the dialogue between the holders of traditional knowledge and scientists and technicians. Its functions are to organize texts, audios and images coming from collaborative actions and exchanges among communities, university focus groups and civil organizations.

The website also presents documents and research results on valorization of resources such as maize, wood, agave, palm, medicinal and food plants, and aquatic species that may interest other countries.

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