

TOCHUA TOTA, or Bees of Lake Tota – [v1 – 08.9.2016]

It's a project of NGO Fundación Montecito in Colombia and its ABC Tota Wetland Centre.

TOCHUA TOTA Aim & Funds

Crowdfunding campaign: <https://igg.me/at/uqkUeval4OI>

Details of the Project and use of Funds requested on *generosity.com* (by Indiegogo):

Project aim:

Tochua Tota's purpose is to farm bees with 10 beehives in Lake Tota. We aim not only to succeed in production and inspire our community to have their own bee farms, but to connect beekeeping with environmental restoration and wise use of wetlands. We will do so through education, workshops and meetings for community awareness on the importance of healthy ecosystems and good practices.

Time frame (for using funds requested): One (1) year.

Crowdfunding amount:

Funds requested » USD \$7.500

Funds use:

Funds will support the startup of this process and maintenance for one year (when we plan to have developed self-sustainability).

Requested funds are meant to cover all the necessary job site work and supplies to establish 10 beehives in Lake Tota and develop the environmental education strategy during a year, including:

- Construction of paths and land adequation on a hillside of the property
- A basic construction of cover to protect beehives from climate in this altitude
- Acquisition and placement of the 10 beehives
- Basic equipment to manage and maintain the production (i.e. beekeeper suits, and more)
- Reforestation inside the property with a minimum 500 native plant species appropriate for bees around the hives
- Professional assistance and consultancy regarding beehive management
- Preparing a minimum 4 workshops with local communities and schools in the area
- Harvesting and marketing our initial own bee products
- Development of communitary educational tools (i.e. flyers, packets and web-links) regarding bee production and its relation in ecosystems

Team involved:

From NGO Fundación Montecito we have this team involved in the project so far:



Felipe Velasco, Colombia.
Director of Fundación Montecito and ABC Tota,
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Matthias Schudoma, Germany.
Volunteer for one year at Fundación Montecito, Project
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Hannah Whisenant, USA.
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Samuel Velasco, Colombia.
Inspirational figure for Juanita & Felipe at Fundación
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