



End of Project workshop on studying the use of mezquite to improve welfare of communities in arid and semi-arid zones of the world

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Project Period: (1st August 2019 to 31st December 2020)

Date of Meeting: 14th January 2021.

Time of Meeting: UK - 14:00 - 17:00. Mexico: Sonora - 7:00 - 9:00 (AM); Durango – 8:00-10:00 (AM); Kenya and Tanzania: 17:00 – 20:00.

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Assembled milling equipment handed over to community by the project



Training session on equipment use and general maintenance by the project in Baringo

Dr. Oscar Koech from the University of Nairobi (UoN), Department of Land Resource Management and Agricultural Technology (LARMAT) participated in **end of project workshop** on studying the use of Mezquite to improve welfare of communities in arid and

semi-arid zones of the world. This was a multidisciplinary project with partners from UK, Mexico, Tanzania and Kenya. The project supported the management and utilization of *Prosopis juliflora* in Kenya, Baringo County. The end of project meeting aimed to report research and impact activities generated during the GCRF project. This includes research on feed value for poultry, nutritive contents of the pods for feed and food, anti nutritive qualities as well as community and scientists knowledge exchange among participating countries. The information shared during the meeting is preliminary and formed the basis of new projects application to support the communities. The Co-Investigators who attend provided summary of findings.

Participants to the workshop were; PI, lead of the project and Organizer of the meeting: Dr Zinnia González Carranza Co-Investigators and partners: Dr Arturo Castro Castro, ME Karina Fernández Bautista, Prof Tim Foster, Dr Marco Garzón Zúñiga, Dr Socorro González Elizondo, Dr Ruben González Laredo, Prof Rachel Gomes, Dr George Kajembe, Dr Charles Kilawe, **Dr Oscar Koech**, Dr Yolanda Lopez Franco, Dr Kate Millar, Dra Juliana Morales Castro, Prof Tim Parr, Dr Julio Ríos Saucedo, Dra Nuria Rocha Guzmán, MSc Xochitl Soto Luzanía, and Dr Juan Manuel Viguera Cortes.

Other researchers, students, Administrators and stakeholders involved in the project:

Miss Gabriele Bone, Dr Peter Craigon, Mr Joshua Hatton, Miss Vanessa Hernández Cordero, Miss Genesis López Cuen, Miss Josefina Lozano Guajardo, Dr Ogueri Nwaiwu, Miss Emma Rudge, Mr Kevin Montes Sandoval, Dr Hanne Wagner, and Miss Finnley Whitbread, Prof. Paul Wilson.