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An important part to achieve the conservation and good use of wetlands lies in achieving the collaboration of different actors at different levels. As an example, in this issue we present a brief summary of the work carried out in Switzerland, convened by the Ramsar Convention, where a large group of experts met to discuss issues of great importance in the field of wetlands.

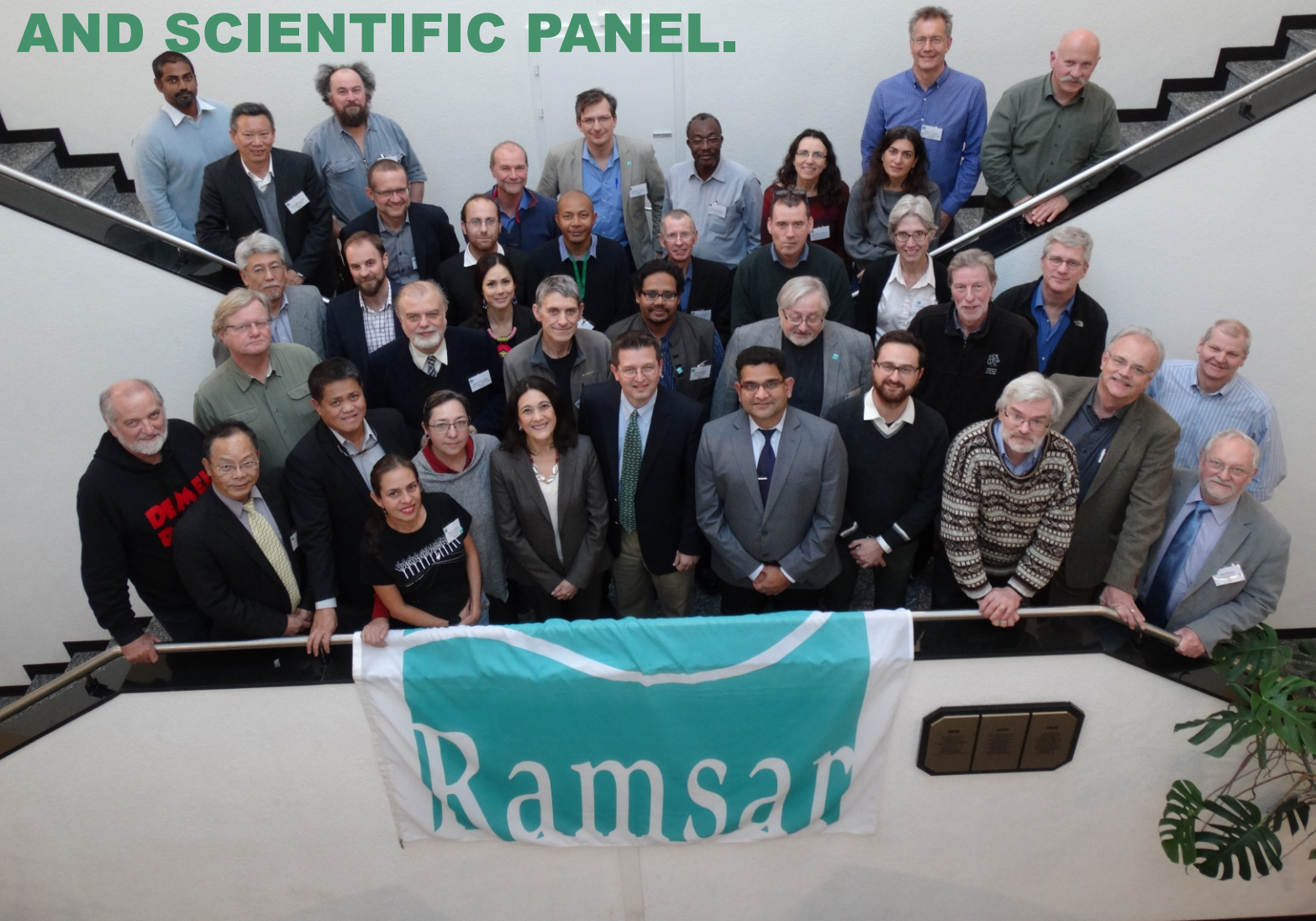
At the local level, we have promoted the principles of the "Earth Charter", an international document that seeks to build a just, sustainable and peaceful global society. On this occasion it was through the creation of a mural and a series of talks with high school students that we promoted the aforementioned principles. This was achieved thanks to the support of Nöche (local artist) and Ernesto Salmerón, friend and collaborator of Pro Esteros.

At the regional level, we participated for the second time in the campaign "Donate your old book", which Hélice Foundation has been promoting in Mexicali for some time. The campaign promotes the reuse or recycling of old books.

Finally, we collaborated in the cleaning of the Ensenada stream, promoted by the Autonomous University of Baja California, and thus we close this quarter working hand in hand at all levels and with people and institutions that join efforts to achieve the care of our environment.



# MEETING OF RAMSAR TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC PANEL.



During the days 13 to 17 of February, the 20th meeting of the scientific and technical review group, of the RAMSAR convention, which is the second of the 2016-2018 triennium, at the offices of the convention, in Glad, Switzerland. The purpose of the meeting was to review the progress made by the group and to establish the tasks to be carried out for the implementation of the work plan for the remainder of the period.

During the meeting, several advances were made, among which we can highlight the discussion and preparation of draft priority tasks to be consulted by the National Focal Points. A review of the progress of the least priority tasks was made and also the guidelines for a draft resolution for the next COP (COP13) on the future priorities of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel For the triennium 2019-2021 were discussed and prepared.

There were also a number of important presentations from various countries and some important documents were shared, including texts such as Recommendation 4.2: "Criteria for the identification of wetlands of international importance" and "Mangroves of Mexico. Extension, distribution and monitoring". The digital books: "Coasts and seas of Mexico. Integrated management with love" and "Ecosystem services of the forests and jungles of



Veracruz". Also, a series of publications in English: A blue print for blue carbon, Comparing soil carbon sequestration in coastal freshwater wetlands, Soil water retention and carbon pools in tropical forested wetlands and marshes of the Gulf of Mexico and Step by step monitoring methodology for SDG indicator.

Biol. Laura Martínez Ríos Del Río  
Chair





# ACTIONS ON EARTH CHARTER.

Values and principles for a sustainable future.

By: Biol. Liliana Ortiz Serrato.  
Pro Esteros.

The Earth Charter is a declaration of fundamental ethical principles for the construction of a just, sustainable and peaceful global society in the 21st Century. This document seeks to inspire in all people a new sense of global interdependence and shared responsibility for the welfare of the whole human family, the great community of life and future generations. The Charter is a vision of hope and a call to action.

Since 2015 Pro Esteros has been added as an endorsement of the Earth Charter and, as part of the actions we must take to publicize the principles of this movement worldwide, last June 23, we were given a speech to the students of the Telesecundaria # 4, in the community of La Misión, Baja California. With the same objective, on Tuesday, June 27, a mural was made in the school, thanks to the collaboration of our friends Noche and Ernesto Salmerón, who enthusiastically supported with the design and elaboration of the same, based on the ideas that the students themselves captured in drawings.

The objective of this activity is for the young people of the school to keep in mind the principles of the Earth Charter during their stay in the school unit and make it part of their daily life. An even greater goal is that Telesecundaria # 4 supports this initiative to continue this trend towards a more just, sustainable and peaceful world.

Sowing a  
Culture  
of Peace



Earth  
Charter  
Initiative

The Earth Charter recognizes that the objectives of ecological protection, eradication of poverty, equitable economic development, and respect for human rights, democracy and peace are interdependent and indivisible. Therefore, the document offers a new inclusive, comprehensive and ethical framework to guide the transition towards a sustainable future.

The Earth Charter is governed by 16 principles divided into 4 main axes:

I. RESPECT AND CARE OF THE COMMUNITY OF LIFE. It asks us to respect life in all its diversity with understanding, compassion and love, building democratic and just societies that ensure the preservation of the fruits of the Earth for present and future generations.

II. ECOLOGICAL INTEGRITY. Protect and restore the integrity of ecosystems, their diversity and natural processes, by adopting patterns of protection and consumption that safeguard Earth's regenerative capacity, human rights and community well-being.

III. SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE. It refers to eradicating poverty and ensuring equitable and sustainable human development, as well as affirming gender equality and the right to a natural and social environment that supports human dignity.

IV. DEMOCRACY, NO VIOLENCE AND PEACE. Strengthen democratic institutions, inclusive participation and access to justice, as well as promote a culture of tolerance, non-violence and peace.

For more information visit [www.earthcharter.org/](http://www.earthcharter.org/)



Picture: Liliana Ortiz.



Noche, the artist, in company of Iván Manríquez, Liliana Ortiz and Ernesto Salmerón.

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# Donate Your Old Book Campaign.

By: Biol. Liliana Ortiz Serrato.

In July, the eighth edition of the campaign "Donate your old book" will begin in the port of Ensenada, which is organized by Fundación Hélice, A.C. Originally and for eight years, this campaign has been implemented in the city of Mexicali, but for the second time and due to last year's success, it has been redeployed in our city.

That is why we are inviting the entire community of Ensenada to bring their books, magazines, notebooks, newspapers, copies and dead archives that they no longer need to the collection centers of the city, which are located in the State Center of the Arts of Ensenada (CEARTE for its acronym in Spanish) And in our office, at 4th street # 210, at the corner with Moctezuma, in Zona Centro. We will be receiving them during the month of July and until the end of August.

The books that are donated go through a process of selection and are channeled to where there is greater need, be they libraries, public schools, and centers of the old age or juvenile rehabilitation.

Fundación Hélice is currently working with the Baja California Institute of Culture to equip reading rooms. Books that do not meet the requirements and other paper material are channeled to recycling.



If we all committed to reuse or donate our books or any paper material it would help reduce the problem of deforestation, which is generated, among other things, by obtaining wood and paper. In this way, recycling or reusing paper is an important activity that we can all implement, since it allows us to reuse a significant part of the material that would otherwise be discarded without considering the damages it generates.

"The same love you gave to your book in using it, you will give to the world by donating it."

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# natura lista

By: Biol. Liliana Ortiz Serrato.

Since last year the collaboration agreement with CONABIO for the realization of the project "Strengthening and Training for the knowledge of nature through the Naturalist platform in the locality of Bahia de Los Angeles, the municipality of Ensenada, and adjacent zones in the State of Baja California". This project was carried out in collaboration with the photography club "Tiburones Dorados" (Golden Sharks) of Bahia de Los Angeles.

The project is named "Flora and fauna of Bahia de Los Angeles, B.C. and surrounding areas" On the platform. Its main objective is to promote the knowledge of nature in Mexico, as well as to promote citizen participation by the monitoring of Mexican nature through photographs and other means of registration, to raise awareness of the biological wealth of Bahia de Los Angeles and the surrounding areas.

The inclusion of the photography club is of great importance to us, since one of the objectives of the Golden Sharks from Bahia de Los Angeles is that, through photography, they learn about their natural resources, the flora and fauna of their Community and at the same time, promote the care, conservation and knowledge of resources and biological diversity both in the region and throughout the country.





Risso's Dolphin.

Ángel de la Guarda's Chuckwalla.



Pitahaya.



The goal was to reach the 1200 observations of flora and fauna in the area, where we participated with José Arce Smith, the Photography Club and members of Pro Esteros, as well as other friends who wanted to collaborate with their observations.

But this is not the end; we will continue to promote knowledge of the flora and fauna of Bahía de Los Angeles through this platform and through photography.

**Visit:**

**[www.naturalista.mx](http://www.naturalista.mx)**

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# Cleanup campaign at Arroyo Ensenada.

By: Hiba Judith Reyes Varela.



On April 29, with the intention of keeping our city cleaner and especially our beaches and streams; Also because of Earth Day, the Faculty of Marine Sciences of the Autonomous University of Baja California and Pro Esteros Carried out a cleaning day of the Ensenada Creek.

This activity was carried out from 9:00 am and concluded around noon. The collection consisted in trying to leave the area with the least amount of garbage possible; To achieve this objective, students from the Faculties of Sciences, Marine Sciences, Social Sciences and Languages, as well as from the Sports School and the general public participated mainly.

More than 100 people participated that morning in the cleanup, collecting about 2.5 tons of garbage.

This type of activities are of the up most importance for the community as well as for our natural environments, because in doing so, people are sensitized as we seek to create an ecological awareness that leads to the improvement of the territory and therefore of our environment.





# Wetland's inhabitants

By: Biol. Salomé Delia Hernández González  
Volunteer

Its scientific name is *Puvialis squatarola*. It measures between 28 and 31 cm, its plumage is mottled grayish brown. It has a short and thick beak (if you compare it with other plovers).



It nests only in the arctic, on the dry or stony soil of the marshes, beaches, salt flats, humid savanna, shores of lakes, wet meadows, flooded fields, and rocky shores. For their nest they use moss and light-colored lichens.



## The Black-bellied Plover.

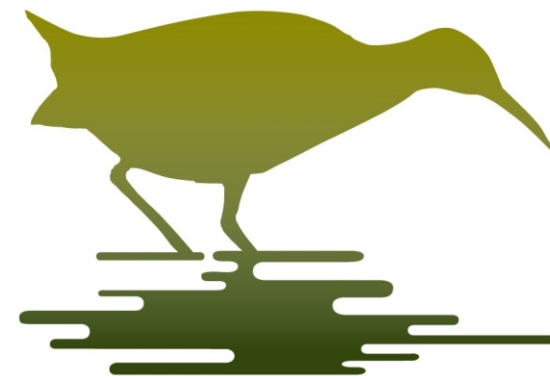
The line of the eye is a dark color. In flight the armpits are black with white tail and rump.

Both sexes usually incubate four eggs for 26 to 27 days. The parents leave the chicks at approximately 23 days.

It is distributed throughout North America; we can find it in coastal plains, estuaries, sandy beaches and rocky coasts.







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