

## Project Update: April 2018

We are currently in the initial phase of bat monitoring, and selecting the sampling sites. I have been in constant communication with ranchers, who have given me the opportunity to capture bats on their land, and to obtain data on cattle that have been preyed upon by the common vampire bat. At the same time, I am working on geographic information systems to classify the habitat where we catch the bats. Recently, we have supported a team of documentary filmmakers from the United States of America led by wildlife expert Casey Anderson, who documented the habitat of the common vampire bat, for the television series finding beasts of the Travel Channel channel, and in which I had the opportunity to talk briefly about my project.

### Difficulties

Due to social conflicts, some sites of my study area are unsafe to establish sampling points, for which I have established points in two municipalities surrounding my area, which initially were not considered. However, this does not affect the objectives of my research.



Common vampire bat, *Desmodus rotundus*. Target specie of the present project.  
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Cattle bitten by the vampire bat in one of the study ranches. ©Victor Mendoza Saenz



Interview for the documentary about vampire bats. Part of the documentary was made in one of the study ranches. ©Alejandro Cancino



Releasing bats from the mist net. ©Ivan Orantes