Project Update: February 2011

There is a new website for Sierra de San Francisco, World Heritage Site (<u>www.sierrasanfrancisco.com</u>). This is one of the results of the project supported by United Nations Foundation, but thanks to Rufford Small Grants Foundation we will be able to continue with activities in this site.

We are sure that this website will serve as a tool to promote the awareness of this WHS, the ecotouristic services and the community development.

Pronatura Noroeste AC has been honored with the 2016 Ecological Merit Award, the most important environmental recognition issued by the Mexican Government.

As stated in the official communication sent by the Secretariat of the Environment and Natural Resources of Mexico (SEMARNAT), the award acknowledges "a history of more than two decades, promoting more than 150 projects in eight Mexican States, its leadership, its achievements in conservation and recovery of endangered species, its collaboration in the negotiation between Mexico and the United States for the sustainable management of the Colorado River, and its information and environmental education actions dedicated to a wide range of audiences.

In behalf of Pronatura Noroeste Board, its staff and associates, I want to thank you and the Rufford Foundation for your partnership and valuable support to our conservation efforts in Northwest Mexico, which are now recognized by this very important award.