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NOTICE FOR COLLECTORS OF MEXICAN PLANTS

The CONSEJO NACIONAL DE CIENCIA Y TECNOLOGÍA (CONACYT) through its Committee of Biological Sciences has established a system to coordinate the work of foreign biologists in Mexico, in consultation with officers of the Center of International Cooperation.

CONACYT wishes to simplify the procedures and to help bona fide foreign scientists. The procedure to be followed by biologists who wish to work in Mexico and collect biological materials is to write to Lic. Manola Alvarez Sepúlveda, Oficina de Internaciones, Centro de Cooperación Internacional, Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología, Insurgentes Sur 1677, México 20, D. F., requesting a collection permit. The request should include the following data:

1. Short description of the work to be done
2. Place and date of its development
3. Curriculum vitae (optional)
4. Institution and specialty
5. Responsible person or advisor (in case of a graduate student)
6. Number of participants in the expedition

Lic. Alvarez will immediately contact the Biological Sciences Committee to request the opinion of botanical advisors; following this appraisal she will write to the foreign applicant, informing him or her of the conclusion reached and supplying a letter addressed to the civil and military authorities that requests the facilities needed in his or her studies.

CONACYT may invite the visitant scientist to give a seminar in one of the educational or research centers and to deposit duplicates of the collected specimens in one of the main botanical institutions of Mexico. A brief summary of the studies will be requested and also copies of resulting publications (including copies of theses). We wish to establish a directory of research botanists interested in plants of Mexico, and we also want to increase real collaboration programs between Mexican botanists and foreign colleagues whenever this is possible. It is important to specify that all that is mentioned before is applicable only to scientists and their students.

We ask, within the same spirit of cooperation, the help of all visiting scientists to denounce cases in which illegal trade is established with species in danger of extinction.

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