

# How to do science for conservation, implement it and not die trying

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Dr. Rodrigo Medellín is a Senior Professor of Ecology at the Institute of Ecology at the National University of Mexico (UNAM). He is an UF alumnus and has received his PhD. in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation in 1992. His professional interest includes community ecology, plant-animal interactions, population biology and molecular ecology in a diverse range of ecosystems. His work on community ecology and the use of bats as providers of ecological services have been used to justify the creation of natural protected areas in the tropics. Dr. Medellín was head of the Mexican Wildlife Department from 1995 to 1996 and continues to be advisor to the Mexican Federal Government for wildlife issues. He has more than 150 scientific publications including articles, books and book chapters. He has been the associate editor in journals such as *Conservation Biology*, *Journal of Mammalogy*, among others. Dr. Medellín's reputation as one of the world's leading conservation professionals is reflected in the many awards he has received (Whitley award, Rolex, and the Medalla Benito Juárez). He is member of several national and international professional societies and conservation organizations such as Society for Conservation Biology, Bat Conservation International, IUCN, CITES and the UN.