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Local food systems and agro-biodiversity conservation in the Purhépecha Region, Mexico

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Biography: Dr. Astier is currently a Full-time Professor at the UNAM Center for Research in Environmental Geography in Morelia. She has a MSc degree in Soil Sciences from the University of California, Berkeley in 1992 and a doctorate in Ecology from UNAM, Mexico City in 2002 working with agricultural soil improvement. She did postdoctoral stays at ECOSUR and at FAO. Her work includes papers and books on sustainable development and climate change mitigation in indigenous and small-farmer agro-ecosystems, this includes works on energy balance, soil management, participatory mapping, the conservation of native maize varieties and sustainability evaluation frameworks. Her work has been supported by the United Nations University Project on People, Land Management and Environmental Change, the Mexican Fund for Nature Conservation, the Rockefeller Foundation, Mexican Science and Technology Council and the Mexican Secretariat for the Environment and Natural Resources. She received the Ashden Award for Sustainable Energy in 2006 for her work in conservation of native maize.

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