

The value of local community knowledge in species distribution modelling for a threatened Neotropical parrot

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In all cases, prior verbal consent was obtained before conducting interviews and interviewees could decline from contributing once the purpose of the research was explained (in Spanish):

“Hi my name is Ivette Solis Ponce and I am a biologist collecting information about parrots. This forms part of university research for Manchester Metropolitan University in the UK. The information gathered will be used to learn more about the parrots in this area and how we can help to conserve them, in their natural environment. I will be asking you some questions about the parrots you see around here, including where and how often you see them, but the answers will be completely anonymous. We will not be taking any names. We hope to publish this information in a scientific report, but the data will not be passed to others. You can decline to answer any questions you are not happy answering and you can withdraw at any time while completing the interview. Would you like me to repeat any information or do you have any further questions? Are you happy to take part in this research?

[If participant agrees to take part]

Thank you for taking part. I will now begin the interview.

[If participant declines consent to take part]

Thank you for your time.”