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I am a biologist and currently a PhD student, conducting a doctoral thesis entitled “**Links between biodiversity and ecosystem services from the point of view of different social actors**”, under the advisory of Dr. Daniel Cáceres and Dr. Sandra Díaz.

Particularly, I am focusing on the perspectives of different social actors (peasants and cattle ranchers) in relation to the provision of ecosystem services provided by native forest, through the perception of the components of functional diversity. Besides, my research aims to contrast social actors' points of view versus the data obtained from ecological research.

As part of Nucleo Diversus' social group, I also participate in different interdisciplinary projects related with the interface of social and ecological systems.

Topics such as sustainable development, the complexity approach to current problems, the ecosystem services (ES) concept and framework, the loss of biodiversity and the development of pertinent researches, had inspired my career. With this direction I am able to work on a concern I have since I was a child in relation to human wellbeing and the challenges of a changing world. Thus, my research, education and conservation interests are in the link between human and nature. In this way, I have been collaborating in different spaces and themes, such as: management and valuation of ecosystem services, socioecological conflicts, etnobiology, agroecology and others.