For many years at the Instituto de Ecología A.C. (INECOL) we have worked in the propagation of oaks from the cloud forest to donate saplings, and have conducted studies and established plantings to understand how they are affected by different environmental factors. Thanks to the support from the International Oak Society we have integrated our research and education work to reach out to a much bigger audience. In the project “Tus vecinos los encinos” (your neighbors the oaks) we shared knowledge about the important role of oaks in the forest ecosystems of the region, their conservation, and propagation with a total of 32 teachers from 27 schools of different levels (special education, primary, and high school) across the state of Veracruz in Mexico. The teachers developed education projects with their students focused on oaks. We were able to organize various sessions to exchange experiences. It was possible to scale the impact of our work. It has been highly motivating to work with such a community and we are very happy with the achievements we have made.

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