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Protocol Approval

Approval Date	<i>January 16, 2023</i>
Protocol Number	<i>2022110038</i>
Protocol Title	<i>A Long-Term Ecological Research Station for the Study of Land Cover Change, Carbon and Biodiversity Linkages on Serpentine Soils in Cerro Las Mesas, Puerto Rico</i>
Main Researcher	<i>Hector Tavarez (Co-PI)</i>
Type of Review	<i>Project Request</i>
Approval	<i>Expedited</i>
Category(ies)	<i>7</i>
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Expiration Date	<i>January 15, 2024</i>

Any modifications or amendments to the approved protocol or its methodology must be reviewed and approved by the IRB before they are implemented, except in cases where the change is necessary to reduce or eliminate a potential risk for participants. The IRB must be informed immediately if an adverse event or unexpected problem arises related to the risk to human subjects. The IRB must also be notified immediately if there is any complaint about the research or if a breach of confidentiality has occurred.

 <p>Dr. Betsy Morales Caro <i>Dean of Academic Affairs</i></p>	<div style="border: 2px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"><p>CPSHI / IRB - RUM No. 00002053 APPROVED</p></div>
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