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## Bio-Sketch

Dr. Carlos F. Mena is the Founding Director of the USFQ Institute of Geography and founding Co-Director of the Galapagos Science Center. Carlos F. Mena is Professor of Geography in the School of Biological and Environmental Sciences at USFQ and Adjunct Professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is also founding member of the Ecuadorian Association of Geographers and is an elected member of the Ecuadorian Academy of Sciences. Carlos F. Mena obtained his Ph.D. in Geography from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, in the United States and have been doing research in the Amazon and Galapagos Islands for more than twenty years.

Since 2010, Carlos F. Mena co- created, developed and lead the Galapagos Science Center (GSC), in association with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The GSC is an interdisciplinary research center in San Cristobal Island in the Galapagos Archipelago for the advancement of science, conservation and sustainable development of the Galapagos and Ecuador. The GSC is an administrative, logistic and scientific structure designed to promote research, education, and community development in the Galapagos Islands. The GSC dedicated in 2011 its own building (~2200m<sup>2</sup>) that houses four unique laboratories: terrestrial ecology, marine ecology, micro- and molecular-biology, spatial analysis, and has spaces for community events and classrooms. GSC develops more than 60 projects per year, working with more than 40 principal investigators, and has a permanent staff of 16 people. Mena also co-created and manage the University Consortium for Galapagos Research, a network of international universities, which develop research projects in the Galapagos Islands through the Galapagos Science Center. The consortium now includes James Cook University and University of Sunshine Coast from Australia and University of South Alabama in the US.

The USFQ Institute of Geography (USFQ-IG), created by Carlos F. Mena in 2016, is an interdisciplinary space at the Universidad San Francisco de Quito to foster geographic research and education in Ecuador. It employs eight full time spatial analysts and encompasses 14 projects developed in the Ecuadorian and Peruvian Amazon and Choco region of Ecuador. Carlos F. Mena is currently

developing a new initiative to develop a research center that lead Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience in Ecuador, supported by NASA and other organizations.

Through a portfolio of research projects, his research has covered topics of population and environment, remote sensing, geographic information science, complex adaptive systems, population geography, conservation, political ecology, citizen science, climate change and community development. Carlos Mena's research has been funded by the Ecuadorian Government agencies like the Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Environment, U.S. Government agencies, such as USAID, US Department of State, the US National Academy of Sciences and International Organizations, such as the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO), the Inter-American Institute for Global Change (IAI), among others. Currently, Mena has been awarded two Inedita Awards from the Ecuadorian Secretary of Science, Technology and Innovation (SENESCYT) to improve community monitoring programs in the Ecuadorian Amazon.

Carlos F. Mena has won several prestigious academic honors, including, the Earth Systems Science Fellowship from the US National Aeronautics Space Administration (NASA), the pre-Doctoral Traineeship from the US National Institutes of Health (NIH) Fogarty International Center, the Anne U. White Fund Grant from the Association of American Geographers (AAG). Mena is co-editor of the book series "Social and Ecological Interactions in the Galapagos Islands", published by Springer Science and Business Media with five volumes in print. Carlos F. Mena has authored and co-authored 43 peer review publications (papers and book chapters) and has co-edited two books.

## **EDUCATION**

### **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA**

Ph.D., Geography, 2007

Graduate Certificate in International Development, 2006

### **Florida International University, Miami, FL, USA**

M.Sc., Environmental Studies, 2001

### **Escuela Politécnica del Ejército, Quito, Ecuador**

Geographic and Environmental Engineer, 1999

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Ecuador**

Professor, School of Biology and Environmental Sciences, 2008-Present

Co-Director, Galapagos Science Center, 2010-Present

Director, USFQ Institute of Geography, 2016-Present

Director, Graduate Program in Tropical Ecology, 2009, 2014-2015.

### **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

Post-Doctoral Researcher, Department of Geography, Fall 2007

Teaching Fellow, Department of Geography, Fall 2006

Research Assistant, Department of Geography/ Carolina Population Center,  
2002-2007

**Florida International University.**

Research Assistant, Andean Amazon Rivers Analysis and Management Project  
(AARAM), 2000-2002

**EcoCiencia, Fundación de Estudios Ecológicos.** Quito, Ecuador.

Geographical Analyst, 1998-1999

## ACADEMIC HONORS

- Board Member, *Tiputini Biodiversity Station*, Universidad San Francisco de Quito, 2019 – 2024.
- Member, Science Panel for the Amazon. A scientific panel to advise the United Nations in topics related to the Amazon. *Sustainable Development Network and Academia Brasileira de Ciencias*. 2019-2021.
- International Advisor. Board of Directors. *The International Institute of Social Studies* of Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands. 2019.
- Leading Author, IPCC Special Report on “Climate change, Desertification, Land Degradation, Sustainable Land Management, Food Security, and Greenhouse Gas Fluxes in Terrestrial Ecosystems”. *Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change - IPCC*. 2017-2019
- Leading Author, Assessment on Adaptation Actions to Climate Change in the RIOCC countries. *Iberoamerican Network of Climate Change Offices*. 2017
- Funding Member, *Ecuadorian Association of Geographers*, 2016
- Elected Member, 2014. Board 2019-2020. *Ecuadorian Academy of Sciences*, 2014
- Journal of Geography Award. Best paper in Geographical Education. *US National Council for Geographical Education*. 2015.
- Member, Steering Committee 2008-2010. *International Geographic Union, Land Use and Land Cover Commission*.
- Earth Systems Science Fellowship. *US National Aeronautics Space Administration (NASA)*, 2004-2007
- Pre-Doctoral Traineeship. *NIH Fogarty International Center - Carolina Population Center*, 2002-2004
- Anne U. White Fund Grant. *Association of American Geographers*, 2006
- Residency Grant. Mellon Foundation - *Carolina Population Center*, 2005
- Future Faculty Fellowship. *UNC Center for Teaching and Learning*, 2006
- Pre-dissertation Fieldwork Award. *UNC Institute Latin American Studies - The Tinker Foundation*, 2004

- NSF-IGERT Travel Grants. IGERT Program. *Carolina Population Center* - National Science Foundation, 2004-2007
- Latin America and Caribbean Scholarship, *Florida International University*, 2000-2001

## RESEARCH GRANTS AND CONTRACTS (Selected)

**Mena CF.** *Proposal Development for the Green Climate Fund (GCF) for the Adaptation to Climate Change of the Galapagos Islands.* The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Ecuadorian Government. 12/2019 – 07/2020. US\$40,000

**Mena CF,** Sampedro C. *Development Plans, Territorial Zoning and Livelihood Planning in the Northern Ecuadorian Amazon.* United Nations Development Program (UNDP). 12/2019 - 08/2020. US\$571,100

**Mena CF.** Community-based monitoring: biodiversity, climate and oil pollution in the Ecuadorian Amazon. INEDITA Program. SENESCYT and United Nations Development Program. 6/2019 – 6/2022. US\$200,000

**Mena CF.** Community-based Early Warning System for Malaria: linking climate change, migration and deforestation. INEDITA Program. SENESCYT and United Nations Development Program. 6/2019 – 6/2021. US\$49,900

**Mena CF.** *Mapping Urban Vulnerability and Resilience: Water, Structural Poverty and Social Cohesion in Esmeraldas City of Ecuador.* Secondary Cities Program. US State Department and the American Association of Geographers (AAG). 9/2017-9/2019. US\$250,000.

**Mena CF.** *All Eyes in the Amazon.* HIVOS. 07/2018 – 12/2020. \$248,000

**Mena CF.** *Behavioral Responses to Information on contaminated Drinking Water: Evidence from the Ecuadorian Amazon* (Pellegrini L, Arsel M, Mena CF, Orta M, co-PIs). International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie), subcontract with the International Institute for Social Studies. 1/2016-12/2017. US\$ 99,500

**Mena CF.** *Community Monitoring of Socio Environmental Liabilities with Advanced Technologies in Ecuador and Peru* (Pellegrini L, Arsel M, Mena CF, Orta M, co-PIs). International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie). Subcontract with the International Institute for Social Studies. US\$64,000. 10/2016 – 8/2018.

Mena CF. *An Early Warning System for Vector-borne Disease Risk in the Amazon.* Contract with Duke University. 8/2015 – 7/2018. US\$29,000.

**Mena CF.** *Land Use and Infectious Disease in Western Amazon* (Barbieri A, Mena CF, Pan W, Miranda J, co-PIs). Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research – IAI. Subcontract with Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais. 7/2013-7/2018. US\$ 211,000.

**Mena CF.** *Improving University Education and Research on the Ecuadorian Amazon: A New Partnership.* (Bilsborrow and Mena, co-PIs) USAID Initiative for the Conservation for the Andean Amazon (ICAA). Subcontract with University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. 1/2013-06/2015, \$326,000

**Mena CF.** *Nationalization of Natural Resources, Cooperation and Conflict in Bolivia and Ecuador.* (Murshed SM, Arsel M, Pellegrini L, Mena CF, van de Schoot T, Gruenberger J., Co-PIs) Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO), Subcontract with HIVOS. 04/2014 – 06/2016. US\$324,200

**Mena, CF,** Walsh, SJ, Rindfuss RR, Quiroga D, Reck G, Valle C. 2013-2014. *Tourism Growth Scenarios and Impacts in the Galapagos Islands.* Ministry of Environment of Ecuador & World Wildlife Fund. 03/2014 – 03/2016. US\$80,000

**Mena, CF.** 2011-2013, *Impacts of Glyphosate in the Ecuadorian Amazon.* Foley and Hoag, LLC for the Ecuadorian Government. 01/2013 – 12/2015. \$30,000

**Mena CF.** 2012-2015. *REDD based Forest Expansion, Food Consumption, and Reduced Emissions Agricultural Policies in the Ecuadorian Amazon.* PEER Program: US National Academies of Science, US National Science Foundation, USAID. 6/2012 – 6 2015. \$136,500

**Mena CF.** *Modeling Population-Environment Interactions in a World Heritage Site: Comparison of Statistical and Agent Based Modeling Approaches to Study Complex Systems.* James S. McDonnell Foundation (Walsh SJ, PI). Sub-contract with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1/2012 – 1/2015. US\$30,000

**Mena CF.** *Atlas of Culture of Ecuador.* Ministry of Culture of Ecuador and Spanish Cooperation Agency. 1/2009 – 12/2009. US\$51,200

## PUBLICATIONS

### BOOK SERIES, EDITOR: Springer Nature

Launched a Book Series on the Galapagos Islands, “Social, Terrestrial, and Marine Interactions in the Galapagos Islands,” with Springer Nature, S.J. Walsh & C.F. Mena, Series Editors, books in the Series are as follows:

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Torres, M.L. & Mena, C.F. (Guest Editors), 2018. Understanding Invasive Species in the Galapagos Islands: From the Molecular to the Landscape. *In: the Galapagos Book Series, Social, Terrestrial, and Marine Interactions in the Galapagos Islands* (Walsh SJ and Mena CF, Series Editors), Springer Nature, 237p.

Kvan, T. & Karakiewicz, J.A. (Guest Editors), 2019. Urban Galapagos -- Transitions to Sustainability in Complex Adaptive Systems. *In: the Galapagos Book Series, Social, Terrestrial, and Marine Interactions in the Galapagos Islands* (Walsh SJ and Mena CF, Series Editors), Springer Nature.

Walsh, S.J., Riveros-Iregui, D., Arce-Nazario, J., Page, P.H. In Press. Land Cover/Land Use Change on Islands: Threats to Sustainability *In: the Galapagos Book Series, Social, Terrestrial, and Marine Interactions in the Galapagos Islands* (Walsh SJ and Mena CF, Series Editors), Springer Nature.

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Torres ML and **Mena CF**, Editors (2018) *Understanding Invasive Species in the Galapagos Islands: From the Molecular to the Landscape*. Springer Science & Business Media. New York.

Encalada AC, Guayasamin JM, Suárez E, **Mena CF**, et al. (2019). *Los ríos de las cuencas Andino-Amazónicas: Herramientas, y guía de invertebrados para el diseño efectivo de programas de monitoreo*. Trama, Quito, 224 pp

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**Mena CF**, Martínez, P, Sampedro C, Laso F. (2017). Land Change Scenarios From the Expansion of the Extractive Frontier in the Ecuadorian Amazon: Carbon Emissions and Deforestation Using Road Network And Land Use Change Simulations. *Journal of Land Use Science* 12(6):477-492.

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- Samonte-Tan G., Suman D, Mate J, Quiroga D, **Mena CF**, Catzim-Sanchez A, Fong P, Wang X. (2014). Governance is critical to managing coastal and marine resources: effects of marine management areas. In Nunes P.A.L.D, Kumar P, and Dedeurwaerdere T (Editors) *Handbook on the Economics and Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity*. Edward Elgar Publishing. Oxon, UK.
- Burbano D, **Mena CF**, Guarderas P, Vinueza L, Reck G (2014). Shifting Baselines in the Galapagos White Fin Fishery, Using Fisher's Anecdotes to Reassess Fisheries Management: The Case of the Galapagos Grouper in Denkinger J and Vinueza L (Eds) *The Galapagos Marine Reserve: A Dynamic Social–Ecological System*. Springer, New York, NY.
- Pizzitutti F, **Mena CF**, Walsh SJ (2014). Agent-Based Model of touristic offers reservation in the Galapagos Islands. *Journal of Artificial Societies and Social Simulation* 17(1)14.
- Arsel M, **Mena CF**, Pellegrini L, and Radhuber I (2014). Evolving Property Structures of Minerals: Reflections on how to 'Theorize 'Nationalization' in Bolivia and Ecuador' in Bavinck, M., Pellegrini, L. and Mostert, E. (eds.) *Conflict and Cooperation over Natural Resources – Conceptual Approaches*. CRC Press. Boca Raton, FL
- Brewington L, Frizzelle B, Walsh SJ, **CF Mena**, and Sampedro (2014). Remote Sensing of the Marine Environment: Challenges and Opportunities in the Galapagos Islands of Ecuador in Denkinger J and Vinueza L (Eds) *The Galapagos Marine Reserve: A Dynamic Social–Ecological System*. Springer, New York.
- Engie K, Walsh S.J, Brewington L, **Mena CF** (2013). Collaborative Learning & Global Education: Human-Environment Interactions in the Galápagos Islands, Ecuador. *Journal of Geography* 112(5): 179-192
- Bilborrow RE, **Mena CF**, Arguello (2012) Colombian Refugees in Ecuador: Sampling Scheme, Demographic Characteristics, and Migratory Patterns. *International Journal of Global Environmental Issues* 11(3/4): 271 - 298

**Mena CF**, Walsh SJ, Frizzelle FG, Xiaozheng Y, Malanson GP (2011) Land Use Change on Household Farms in the Ecuadorian Amazon: Design and Implementation of an Agent-Based Model. *Applied Geography* 31: 210-222.

Walsh SJ, Malanson GP, Brown DG, Messina JP, **Mena CF** (2011). Biocomplexity. In: *Handbook of Biogeography*, M. Blumler M, G. MacDonald, A. Millington, U. Schickhoff (Editors), Sage Publications, London.

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