

# The social construction of rural sustainability in the Candelillero space of Coahuila, México

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# Why the candelillero space?

✓ Is an expression about the local peasant culture

✓ Coexistence of multiple processes involved in rural development

✓ Local expressions of resistance



# Go to Cuatro Ciénegas, Coahuila

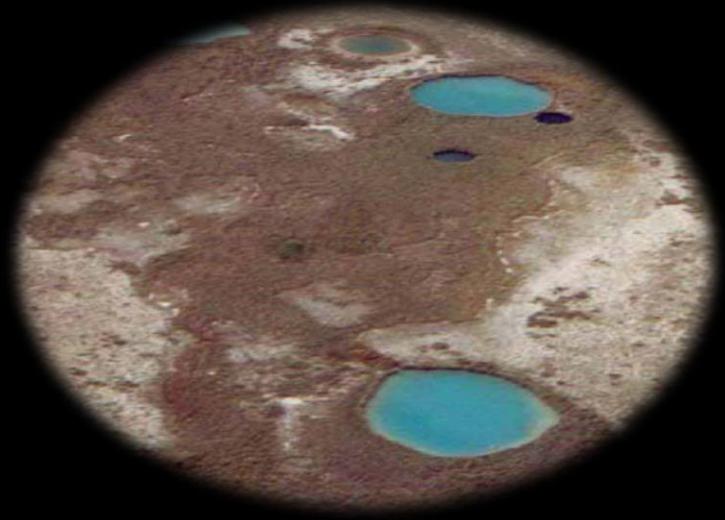




**There are few places in the world with the characteristics of isolation and beauty of Cuatro Ciénegas**

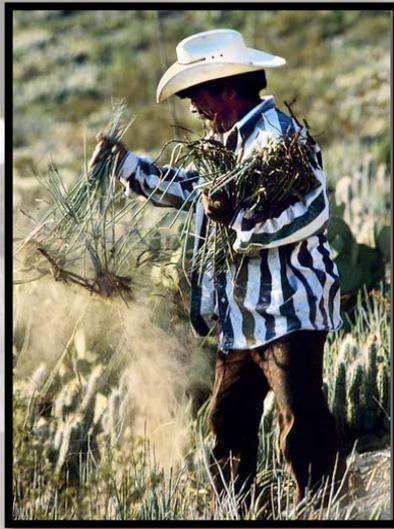
**This is the only one, as it was buried, explains our past and we can protect the future.**

**Are we willing to lose?**



Lose them  
too?



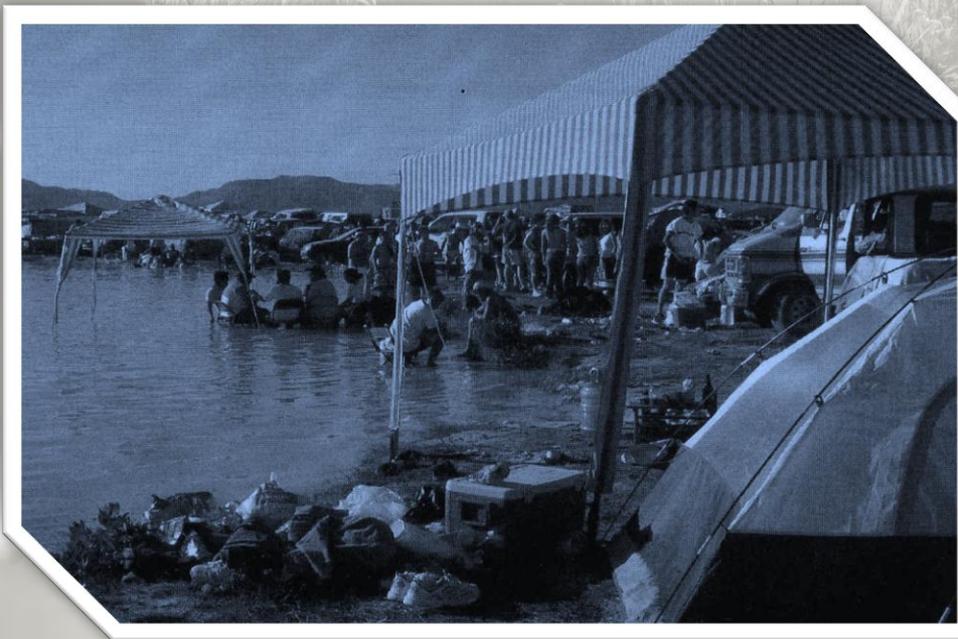
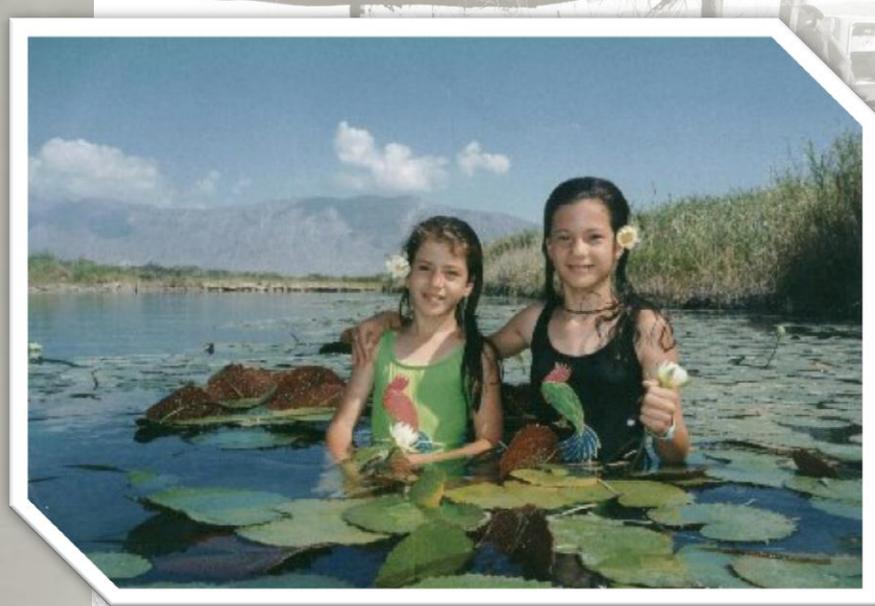


Coexist?



**Coexist?**





# Each actor has different agendas



**Power relations around the conservation continue imbued forms of dependence and condescension, the separation between the natural environment and human societies is emphasized.**

**Challenge: put the culture and nature  
in a single integrated approach.**

**Rural development can no longer linked to  
environmental degradation.**

**This is important to conserve**



**Them too...**



**Thank you**