FILMING WITH BAT CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL, (BCI) AND COLECTIVO SONORA SILVESTRE (CCS)
Grupo Pionero Espeleológico de Sonora
International Year of Caves and Karst

REPORT EVENT
May 6th – 7th, 2022

On May 6 and 7, members of GPES, BCI and CSS visited Cueva de la Mariana in San Miguel de Horcasitas to film different scenes related with the Lesser long-nosed bat (Leptonycteris yerbabuenae).

We helped BCI with their main goal, which was to capture some of the caving activities that we as a speleological group undertake (accessing and exploring the cave system) and to capture images of bats in their roosting environment.

All three teams had a filmed interview where we talked about the changes we have observed in bat populations through the years of cave exploration as well as explaining the importance of protecting bats.

The footage also included shots of the bats exiting the cave at sunset and the caving team gearing up and exploring the subterranean system as well as the interview talking about the importance of bats to the health of the cave, and the need for humans to be sensitive to and conscious of the well-being of bats.

Figure 1. Chris Gallaway from BCI prepares the camera to interview Kristen Lear, also from BCI.
Figure 2. Footage from both days including the exploration of the cave, teams gearing up and some rattlesnakes found in the way.