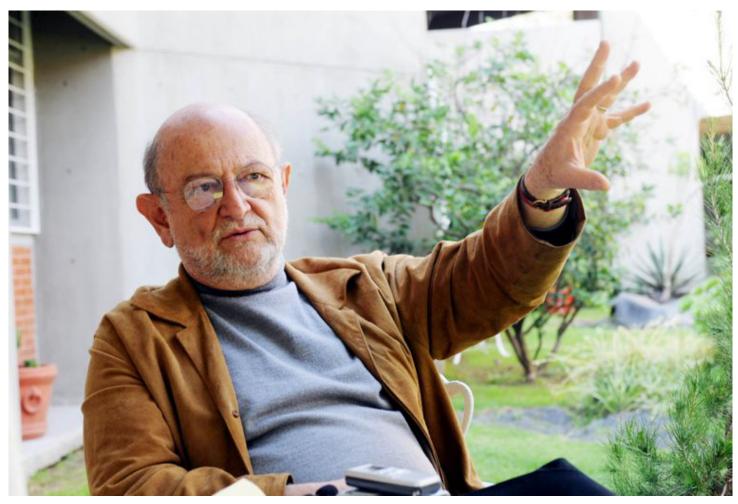


José Sarukhán is recognized with the Tyler Prize

Sarukhan has ensured that his science led to practical solutions that are changing people's lives



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The scientist, statesman and former president of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) José Sarukhán was awarded the Tyler Award for Environmental Achievement 2017 for his scientific contributions to the fields of biological diversity and institutional strengthening.



The Tyler Prize Executive Committee recalled that when rainforests were in critical danger due to extensive deforestation, Mexican President Carlos Salinas turned to Sarukhán for advice on how to show the global community that the country valued its natural resources.

In response, Sarukhán devised the National Commission for the Knowledge and Use of Biodiversity (Conabio), a federal government institution focused exclusively on biodiversity, one of the first of its kind in the world.