

**Agave plants diversity used in Mexican Geographical Indications spirits: Mezcal and Tequila**  
(Poster)

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**Introduction**

Agave plants are used in beverages, fibres and distilled spirits in Mexico. The most famous product is tequila, but there are many types of agave spirits called mezcal. These species were used as food before conquest because they had a rich sugar storage of inulin. Actually, Denominations of origin policies in Mexico (Geographical Indications) for tequila and mezcal could be helping or damaging this diversity. How can they could be improved the rules of conservation?

**Objectives**

Analyze the rules of Geographical Indications in Mexico and their effects in crops and wild agave plants diversity for spirits as mezcal and tequila.

**Methods**

We studied mezcal and tequila laws and their convenience for agave crops and wild populations diversity.

**Results**

Mexican laws for Tequila and mezcal can be letting out important items about environmental issues, as agave wild and cultivated plantations. Quality laws have been improved by the final product but diversity conservation there is not a line research. The risk is decrease a genetical pool and it is worst in case of clonal crops as Agave tequilana Weber (blue agave).

**Conclusion**

Geographical Indications as tequila and mezcal spirits could be protecting their species richness including policies about genetical resources management chapter.

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