



**Front cover:** This 2020 image of a Mexican Horned Pit Viper (*Ophryacus undulatus* [Jan, 1859]) was taken in the photographer's favorite locale in the biodiversity paradise of Oaxaca, Santa Catarina Lachatao, located in the Sierra Madre de Oaxaca (Sierra de Juárez), Mexico. The residents of this Zapotecan indigenous village use a figure of this snake as a component of their cultural identity; their oral tradition says this species is a guardian of the sacred places within their territory. Each year, the people of Santa Catarina Lachatao celebrate the Festival of Tierra Caliente, as part of a pacifist resistance movement struggling against the mining concessions operating on their lands. This exquisite reptile is in the high vulnerability category with an EVS of 15, and its IUCN status is Vulnerable. It belongs to an endemic Mexican genus in the mountains of southern Mexico revised in 2015 by Grünwald, Jones, Franz-Chávez, and Ahumada-Carrillo, in *Mesoamerican Herpetology* 2(4): 387–416. Photo by Eli García-Padilla.