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### **Integrated approaches to orchid conservation in Guatemala: past, present and future, opportunities and challenges**

We will discuss the challenges faced by orchid conservation efforts in Guatemala; describe the opportunities available, current and anticipated threats for conservation actions and present integrated approaches being attempted that combine in situ and ex situ techniques that include education, ecotourism, and community participation. Positive and negative experiences and lessons learned will be analyzed. We expect the presentation to stimulate feedback and ideas.