

### **Citation: Professor Oscar Cacho**

Professor Oscar Cacho joined UNE in July 1994 as a Lecturer in Economics. He was later promoted to Senior Lecturer (1999), Associate Professor (2004) and Professor (2011). He has recently retired from UNE (February 2021) after serving the University for more than 26 years. Professor Cacho taught quantitative methods, farm and resource management, agricultural and resource sector planning, business decision making and natural resource economics during his time at UNE. He successfully mentored many early and mid-career economists and business colleagues at UNE and abroad.

Professor Cacho is an internationally renowned researcher and is recognised as an eminent authority in the agricultural and applied economics discipline. He had a distinguished record of achievement in teaching and showcased exceptional leadership in curriculum development. He developed working decision models that enhanced students overall engagement with the unit content. He practiced research informed teaching and his research impact is further attributed to software packages that he has produced through his research projects such as WeedSearch, TreeSmart, SCUAF (Soil Changes Under Agroforestry), BRASS (Bioeconomic Rubber Agroforestry Support System) and OCAPTURE (Oscar's Data Capture System). These software packages are extensively used by industry stakeholders such as Biosecurity Queensland, NSW Department of Industry and Investment, researchers and by developing countries Laos and Indonesia.

Professor Cacho has received substantial research funding from reputable external and internal organisations. He has secured over three million dollars funds from preeminent organisations such as - ACERA (Australian Centre of Excellence for Risk Analysis); ACIAR (Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research); ARC (Australian Research Council); AFFA (Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry Australia); AWRC (Australian Weeds Research Centre); Salinity CRC (Cooperative Research Centre for Plant-Based Solutions to Salinity); Weed CRC (Cooperative Research Centre for Australian Weed Management); UNE (University of new England); FEB&L (Faculty of Economics Business and Law at UNE); and LMDCMA (Lower Murray Darling Catchment Management Authority).

Professor Cacho has successfully supervised 30 PhD students to completion, together with a large number of Masters and Honour students at UNE. His HDR supervision record is exceptional. He has been nominated thrice for the UNEPA Supervisor of the Year award in 1996, 2002 and 2004 that demonstrates the quality of supervision that he offers for the postgraduate and undergraduate research students. His students worked on offering sustainable solutions to research problems identified that aligns with UNE's strategic priorities and contributes to the attainment of sustainability development goals (SDGs) by 2030.

Professor Cacho has published over 145 research outputs of which over 80 research articles are published in reputable and high ranked journals. His work particularly on biosecurity and carbon policy attracted international attention and further secured recognition in the form of research awards and best papers in premium journals and conferences. He has shown excellent research leadership and scholarship through his research output in high ranked journals.

In recognition of his outstanding teaching, research leadership and many other contributions to the academic life of the University and his discipline nationally and internationally, the UNE Council is pleased to award the title of Emeritus Professor to Professor Cacho.