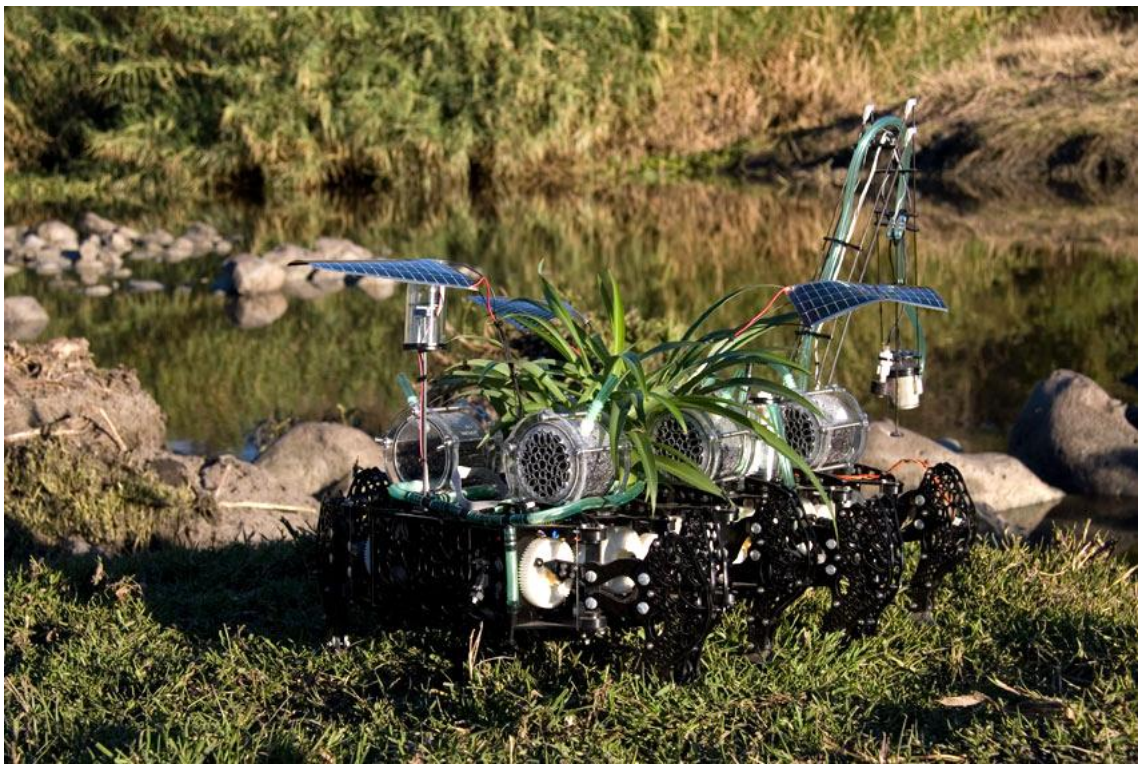
Plantas Nómadas

Is a research project. Result of the actual situation of some rivers that are contaminated by large amounts of industrial and domestic waste which turns the water into a focal point of infection affecting communities and ecosystems.

The project not only points at, it also seeks to reflect on how we manage the waste we generate and how we can change them in nutrients, energy in order to improve the quality of the water in rivers.

This research project takes form in a new species, that operates as an antibody, to maintain an ecosystem in balance. It consists in an autonomous robot that lives in symbiosis with microorganisms and native plants. This species has the ability to survive on the banks of polluted rivers, built to transform waste into electricity, oxygen, clean water, nutrients and life.

The metabolic cycle of the Nomadic Plant starts when it finds contaminated water. It sucks the liquid and carry it to a set of microbial fuel cells. These cells, accelerate the biodegradation processes to clean the water that feeds the wetlands, where plants grow along with bacteria, providing power to the electronic system. The circuits monitor and maintain the ecosystem in balance, while another group of photovoltaic cells feed the locomotors system of the robot. Once it accumulates the energy, the body awakes to move in search of food. When pollution levels are higher in the water, the Nomadic Plant transforms it in sound for express itself.



Nomadic Plant, Santiago River (Documentary).

Video that shows the conditions under which is currently the Rio Santiago at El Salto and Juanacatlán, in the State of Jalisco, Mexico. Along this river there are communities who settled on the banks and now they are harassed by the infection of the water. Under these conditions, the plant Wanderer relates to the environment and uses the nutrients in the pollutants to transform them into energy and life.

frame from Nomadic Plant, Santiago River.

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