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### Year:

2015

### Quarter:

April - June

### Communications activities:

From April 5–11 Rodolfo Vásquez Martínez, Rocío Del Pilar Rojas Gonzales, and three field assistants of MBG participated in a training workshop entitled "Identification of Forest Timber Species for Forest Supervisors within the Pasco Region" that was organized by MBG-Oxapampa and the Organismo de Supervisión de los Recursos Forestales (OSINFOR). The course had two parts: the first was developed at the Paujil Biological Station in Yanachaga-Chemillén National Park, and the second at MBG's Biological Station in Oxapampa. The course lasted for seven days and involved 60 forest supervisors, who strengthened their knowledge in identifying timber species. Further information can be viewed at: <http://www.osinfor.gob.pe/portal/noticias.php?id=237> [1].

From May 24–29 Rodolfo Vásquez Martínez, Luis Valenzuela Gamarra, and three field assistants of MBG participated in a training workshop entitled "Field Training in Methodologies for Biological Monitoring of Flora and Wild Fauna" that was organized by MBG-Oxapampa and the Servicio Nacional de Áreas Naturales Protegidas por el Estado (SERNANP). The course lasted for six days and was designed for 22 park guards of five Protected Natural Areas in the Selva Central: Yanachaga-Chemillén National Park, the Pampa Hermosa National Shrine, the Yanesha Communal Reserve, the San Matías-San Carlos Protected Forest, and the Pui Pui Protected Forest. The park guards were trained in techniques of installing permanent plots for monitoring vegetation. In this context we visited plot VG-YAN-01 to practice several techniques following the TEAM protocols: delimiting plots and subplots, placing plates, measuring diameters, measuring distances, taking coordinates, and conducting herbarium work with botanical specimens. The participants also practiced installing, operating, and dismantling camera traps. Further information can be viewed at: <http://www.sernanp.gob.pe/sernanp/noticia.jsp?ID=2540> [2].

### Unusual Events at the TEAM Site:

No unusual events during this period

### New Species:

None

### Protocol Activities:

#### *Vegetation Protocol:*

There no activity under this protocol during the first few months of this period. However, during the last week, we reviewed the data files of the plots, printed the formats, and prepared the equipment, tools, and materials necessary for the re-measurement of the trees of the plots.

#### *Terrestrial Vertebrate Protocol:*

Each month, we inspect the silica containers where we keep the camera traps. During the last week of this period, we conducted a general inspection of the cameras and a check of their operation, readying them for configuration at the beginning of the July to September season.

#### *Climate Protocol:*

We visited the meteorological station regularly to collect climate data and maintain the station. On our return to Oxapampa following each trip to the station, we uploaded the information to the portal in the shortest time possible.

### Protocol Problems:

#### *Vegetation Protocol:*

None during this period

#### *Terrestrial Vertebrate Protocol:*

None during this period

**Climate Protocol:**

The meteorological station is located in the approximate center of the TEAM-Yanachaga site. It takes a trip of four to five days to reach the station from Oxapampa. In addition to the time required, the trip also costs money every month. Therefore, owing to the economic adjustments made by the executive management of TEAM and conveyed to us, it is not possible to continue to visit the meteorological station to collect climate data for the period 2015-2016.

**Schedule Problems:**

None

**Logistical Problems:**

None

**Suggestions:**

As noted above, there is no funding to visit the meteorological station at its current location because of the cost in time and money. It has been proposed that the station be relocated to a place closer to Oxapampa to facilitate visits to the station at a lower cost. The proposed site is at 2950 meters above sea level and about 14 kilometers from Oxapampa. Reaching the site would require a six-kilometer trip by truck followed by a walk to the site. Thus, it would be possible to visit the station in a single day, thereby reducing costs and time.

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