



Then God said, "Let the land produce plants. Let them bear their own seeds. And let there be trees on the land that bear fruit with seeds in it. Let each kind of plant or tree have its own kind of seeds." And that's exactly what happened...God saw that it was good.
Genesis 1:11-12

A ROCHA PERU: NEWS BULLETIN (ISSUE 3, OCTOBER 2013)

A NEW LOOK FOR A ROCHA PERU!

Over the last few months, we have been working alongside A Rocha International and 18 fellow national organisations around the world, to develop a new brand identity to mark A Rocha's 30th anniversary and give A Rocha Peru a fresh new look for the future! In this bulletin, we are delighted to share our new logo above and this new look and with you! You can also visit our rebranded website at: www.arocha.org/peru. As in previous issues, this bulletin is an opportunity to catch up on news from A Rocha Peru, access news from ARI, and find out about upcoming events and ways in which you can support our conservation work. We hope that you enjoy reading this 'new look' bulletin, and thank you for your continued interest and support.

NEWS FROM A ROCHA PERU

PROJECT NEWS:

LA LIBERTAD DRY FOREST PROJECT UPDATE:



Much to our delight, the first 400 Algarrobo (*Prosopis* sp.) seedlings have been produced at a plant nursery belonging to [Fe y Alegría 57 - CEFOP](#), an occupational training centre in Virú province, and will be planted in Razuri district in November 2013. Volunteers from the Biological Sciences Faculty at the National University of Trujillo are receiving training in nursery management and native seedling production at the university's plant nursery. Two school environmental clubs have been set up at I.E.P. Schoenstatt in Trujillo and I.E. Victor Avila City in Puerto Chicama, Razuri. The latter club aims to encourage students, teachers and parents to participate in developing green areas within the school, as well as at the project reforestation site. A programme has started to train environmental leaders, who will soon be supporting the environment clubs and plant nursery, and helping with cleaning and reforestation campaigns.



LOMAS DE ASIA PROJECT UPDATE:



Between September and November 2013, Leandro Oetiker, a Geography student from the Centre for Development and Environment at the University of Bern, Switzerland, will be undertaking his Masters thesis research into the different stakeholders in Lomas de Asia, in southern Lima, and the potential to sustainably manage the natural resources of this endangered ecosystem. Leandro's voluntary-based research will provide important base-line information in support of the Lomas de Asia Project and is gratefully received.

TEAM NEWS:

LIMA TEAM WELCOMES TWO NEW MEMBERS



In July 2013, we welcomed two new members to our Lima team: Raquel Bastidas Ponte, our part-time Administrator (pictured left) and Leodan Morales Renteria, our part-time Accountant (featured in Friends' Corner overleaf). Raquel and Leodan bring a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the team, and are helping to ensure the smooth running of our day to day operations. To read more about them, please visit the [team section of our website](#). You can also contact them at: raquel.bastidas@arocha.org and leo.morales@arocha.org.

FUNDRAISING NEWS:

APPLICATION TO THE GREEN DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE: This October, our application to register Lomas de Asia, in southern Lima, as a Green Development Initiative (GDI) area will go live on the [GDI website](#). Our hope is that this helps raise the project's profile amongst leading international donors and attracts funding to develop a five-year Area Management Plan to restore and sustainably manage this endangered ecosystem.



SPONSOR A HUARANGO FOREST! A Rocha Peru is pleased to feature in A Rocha International's new 'Sponsor a Species' fundraising campaign. To find out more about the campaign, and how you can 'Sponsor a Huarango (*Prosopis* sp.) Forest', please click [here!](#)

EVENTS:

A ROCHA PERU SHOWCASED AT PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL EVENT



On August 15th 2013, A Rocha Peru's Director, Sarah-Lan Mathez-Stiefel co-presented a roundtable on "Religion, Environmental Movements and Spirituality" at the third [Global Environments Summer Academy](#). Held at the Centre for Development and Environment at the University of Bern in Switzerland, this prestigious event brought together environmental change-makers from around the world to discuss the human dimensions of environmental challenges. The round-table provided an opportunity to showcase A Rocha Peru's experience as a faith-based environmental organisation and to share perspectives with leading academics and practitioners.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY! On the evening of December 17th 2013, we will be holding our annual, end of year event at our Lima office; a chance to hear about our activities in 2013, our plans for 2014 and meet with fellow A Rocha Peru supporters during the festive season. We look forward to sending you an invitation nearer the time and hope you will join us.

NEWS FROM A ROCHA INTERNATIONAL

For A Rocha International's Top Stories, and new International Review for 2012/13, please click [here](#).

For the latest Planetwise Blogs by David Bookless and Leah Kostamo, please click [here](#).



FRIENDS' CORNER

1. My name is: Leodan Morales Renteria.
2. I was born in: Huacabamba, in Piura, northern Peru.
3. I live in: Carabayllo, in northern Lima.
4. I live with: my wife, Jenny, and our two month old daughter, Stacy Tiziana Jandi.
5. My favourite plants and animals are: the algarrobo tree, and the chamelico used to make housing beams in northern Peru, and the lion for its strength.
6. I like to: play football, read cultural and literary books, and have fun with my baby.
7. I'm responsible for: accountancy within A Rocha Peru.
8. I started working for A Rocha Peru on: July 15th, 2013
9. What I most like about my role is: teaching others what I know from my career in accounting, and learning from team members, in a mutual way.
10. What I most like about A Rocha Peru is: the team's commitment to environmental conservation, and caring for God's creation.



HOW YOU CAN HELP:

PRAY for the success of our projects, teams, events and fundraising initiatives as we approach 2014.

REQUEST AND SHARE our three project summaries to find out more about our projects, and the ways in which you and those you know can support us.

SEND any feedback and A Rocha related news and reflections to us ahead of our January news bulletin. Our contact details are below.

DONATE to A Rocha Peru by calling our Lima office on: +51 1 248 0271 or by emailing us at: peru@arocha.org.

THANK YOU!