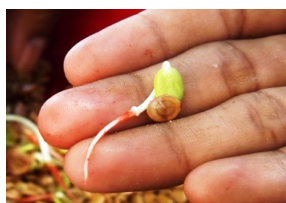


A ROCHA PERU: NEWS BULLETIN (ISSUE 5, MAY 2014)

A ROCHA PERU NEWS:

PROJECT NEWS:

NEW DRY FOREST RESTORATION PROJECT LAUNCHED IN TALARA, NORTHERN PERU.



A Rocha Peru is pleased to announce the launch of a four year project to restore dry forests and promote human development in and around a wind farm site in Talara, Piura, northern Peru. The project is the result of a partnership between A Rocha Peru and international power-generation company, [ContourGlobal](#), who owns the windfarm and is financing the project. The project has been designed and is being implemented by A Rocha Peru in collaboration with 8 neighbourhood councils, and will work in three main areas, including dry forest ecosystem restoration, community outreach and communications.



Overall, 17 hectares of dry forest will be reforested; 12 hectares within the wind farm site and 5 hectares on surrounding community land, upon which an ecological community centre will be built. Six thousand native tree seedlings will be produced at the newly constructed plant nursery at I. E Felipe Santiago Salaverry school in Talara, including Algarrobo (*Prosopis sp.*), Zapote (*Capparis scabrida*) and Vichayo (*Capparis ovalicifolia*).



In community outreach, awareness will be raised amongst local people about the importance of conserving dry forests, and two environmental clubs will be established within two communities enabling young leaders to learn how to care for their environment. In communications, a series of promotional videos will be produced, with articles developed for national press and scientific journals, and presentations held in national academic institutions.

LA LIBERTAD DRY FOREST RESTORATION PROJECT UPDATE



On March 1st, the La Libertad Project successfully entered into its second year of operation. In January, an agreement was signed between Rázuri Municipality and A Rocha Peru to reforest a 4 hectare arid zone within 'Sector 2B' of the district, which includes *El Tubo* wetland, where the municipality plans to develop a regional conservation area. Approximately 300 seedlings were reforested in this area in early March, which are now being maintained and irrigated in collaboration with Rázuri Municipality.



With the support of Razuri Municipality's Social Development Programme, work began in January to set up an Environmental Club in Rázuri district, in which 15 local children and teenagers are now members. Club members designed their own project to plant green areas in Arequipa Street, one of the main streets in the district, with the aim of enabling greater environmental awareness amongst residents. To the left is a photo of the Club receiving formal permission to develop their green area project from Rázuri Municipality, accompanied by delegates from five A Rocha national organisations and donor representatives from the Watersheds Foundation, who visited the project in January.

TEAM NEWS:

NEW DIRECTORSHIP AT A ROCHA PERU



We are pleased to announce the recent appointment of Camille Allan as Executive Director of A Rocha Peru. Camille has been A Rocha Peru's Communications and Development Officer since October 2012, and brings over 10 years of experience within the non-profit sector to her new role. Former Executive Director, Sarah-Lan Mathez-Stiefel, leaves the role to assume a post-doctoral research position at the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) regional office in Lima. She will however be continuing to work closely with the team in her new role as Director of Science and Conservation. You can read their profiles [here](#).

WARM WELCOMES AND FOND FAREWELLS



On February 1st we welcomed former volunteer, Hugo Marcos Loyola, to the team as our Talara Project Coordinator. Hugo is featured in Friends's Corner below. On April 1st two new staff members, Deisy Julon Osorio (pictured on the left) and Liliana Berango (pictured on the right), were welcomed to the Lima team. Deisy joins us as our new Administrator and Liliana, a former volunteer, joins as our Fundraising Officer. You can read their profiles [here](#). We say a fond farewell to Raquel Bastidas Ponte, our Administrator since July 2013, and are glad to count on her continuing voluntary support.

FUNDRAISING NEWS:

A ROCHA PERU FEATURED IN SWISS EVANGELICAL NETWORK APPEAL



Between January 12th and 19th, the Swiss Evangelical Network ([Réseau évangélique suisse](#)) marked World Prayer Week with a series of biblical lectures and prayer events. Thanks to the support of [A Rocha Switzerland](#), A Rocha Peru was featured as a beneficiary for the event. Proceeds are in the process of being collected, and will help fund our new Environmental Club in La Libertad.

EVENTS:

A ROCHA PERU HOSTS A ROCHA INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATION IN LIMA



In January, A Rocha Peru hosted a 4 day A Rocha International (ARI) consultation on the organisation's global strategic planning. Ten national organisation leaders from Brazil, Canada, New Zealand, Peru and the USA participated in the event which proved to be a great opportunity to help shape ARI's strategic development, learn about A Rocha's conservation activities elsewhere in the world, and foster greater inter-organisational fellowship and cooperation. Seven A Rocha delegates extended their trip to visit our La Libertad Dry Forest Restoration Project, opening up possibilities for future collaboration.

A ROCHA PERU DIRECTOR SPEAKS AT PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM



On February 28th, A Rocha Peru's Director of Science and Conservation, Sarah-Lan Mathez-Stiefel, was a key note speaker at the Human Needs and Global Resources 2014 Symposium entitled 'From the Ground Up: Social Movements and Soil Improvement'. Speaking at Wheaton College, in Chicago, USA, Sarah-Lan gave a presentation on 'Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Collaborative Action for Social Conservation: Examples from the Andean Countries', which can be watched [here](#). The Symposium also provided the opportunity to share experiences with members of the [A Rocha Wheaton student chapter](#). (Photo: HNGR)

NEWS FROM A ROCHA INTERNATIONAL:

Catch up on the latest [Top Stories](#), including one featuring [Sarah-Lan and Camille](#).

Read the latest [Planetwise](#) blogs, including 'Party Questions' by Barbara Mearns and 'Noah - Beyond the Blockbuster' by Dave Bookless.

Read A Rocha's International [Newsletter](#) (Issue 55 - April 2014) pictured right.



FRIENDS CORNER



1. My name is: Hugo Marcos Loyola.
2. I was born in: Ica, in southern Peru.
3. I live in: Talara, in northern Peru.
4. I lived with: my parents and brothers in Ica for 26 years. I now live by myself in Talara.
5. My favourite plants and animals are: The Algarrobo (*Prosopis* sp.) tree for its adaptations to dry forests ecosystems and hummingbirds for their beauty and uniqueness to the Americas.
6. I like to: read research studies about Peru's flora and avifauna, bird-watch, and take landscape and wildlife photographs.
7. I am the: Talara Project Coordinator for A Rocha Peru.
8. I started on: February 1st 2014.
9. What I most like about my role is: teaching and leading local communities and institutions about conserving threatened dry forest ecosystems.
10. What I most like about A Rocha Peru is: the teamwork and opportunities to receive training and learn how to teach others about biodiversity conservation.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

PRAY for the success of our projects in Talara and La Libertad, our fundraising activities and for our new leadership and teams.

ASK about our volunteering and internship opportunities at the Lima office in the area of Communications. Fluency in Spanish and English, and ability to visit the Lima office, are essential.

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

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