

NEWS BULLETIN (ISSUE 13) JULY–SEPTEMBER 2016

PROJECT NEWS

Launch of Talara Project video, 'Harvesting Hope: Year Two'

Since 2014, A Rocha Peru, in partnership with international energy company ContourGlobal, and eight local neighbourhood councils, has been restoring dry forest and promoting social development in and around ContourGlobal's wind farm in Talara, northern Peru.

The project's third video, '[Harvesting Hope: Year Two](#)' showcases the project's progress in 2015, and features some of the local people involved in it, like Jessica, President of one of our environmental youth clubs, 'A Rocha Kids' (pictured right), and Magda, President of the Mother's Committee in *Luis Negreiros* (pictured below on the furthest left).



The video highlights the goals accomplished by the project in 2015, which includes reforesting 12 hectares of dry forest with 2,400 native plants within ContourGlobal's windfarm site, and providing 216 local people of all ages with environmental education and training, amongst others.

Watch the video [here](#) to learn all about the project's successful second year!

La Libertad Project receives visit from A Rocha Switzerland

A Rocha Peru was thrilled to receive a two-week visit from Jean-Daniel Andre and Quentin Kohler, who are respectively National Committee member and Project Officer for A Rocha Switzerland. Our Swiss colleagues visited at the end of August to develop a La Libertad Project partnership, and explore collaboration opportunities at other existing and potential project sites in La Libertad and beyond.

Whilst in Trujillo, they visited our La Libertad and La Esperanza Project sites, as well as renowned environmental and cultural sites, including the dry forest relicts in San Pedro de Lloc such as *Cañoncillo*,



Tronco Prieto, and La Yuca, where we are extending our La Libertad Project, and archeological sites, such as *Chan Chan* (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) and the *Huacas del Sol y la Luna*.



the Peruvian Amazon, where there is potential for future collaboration.

In Lima, Jean-Daniel and Quentin took part in our 'Time Out' (see Events below), discussed the development of partnership opportunities, and enjoyed feasting on world-famous Peruvian food. In addition, our Executive Director and Projects Director, Camille Allan and Ramon Casana respectively, accompanied Quentin on a trip to *Bosque Berlin*; an exquisite private reserve in mountain cloud forest near Bagua Grande, in

We thoroughly enjoyed hosting Jean-Daniel and Quentin during their visit, and look forward to continuing our collaboration with A Rocha Switzerland in support of our La Libertad Project.

La Esperanza Project welcomes baby guinea pigs!



In August, members of our youth club in the La Esperanza Project, 'Friends of Nature', were thrilled to welcome the first litter of guinea pig pups as part of their guinea-pig rearing mini-project. Watch this [video](#) of their furry, little friends!

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Schools in Lima give their support to our projects in La Libertad

On September 2nd, A Rocha Peru was a co-beneficiary of San Silvestre School's Jeans Day, where students and staff wore jeans to school in return for a small charitable donation. All proceeds were shared between our La Esperanza Project in Trujillo, and San Silvestre's sister school in Villa El Salvador, Lima. We are sincerely grateful for the generosity of students, parents, and staff, and especially appreciate the time and support of the school's ESD (Education for Sustainable Development) Committee.



Furthermore, we were delighted to receive support for the fourth consecutive year from Cambridge College in Lima for our La Libertad Project. A donation was kindly made by students and parents from the school's 'Promotion XXIV' in compensation for the environmental impact of their geography trip to Huaraz.

TEAM NEWS

We have been delighted to welcome two members to the A Rocha Peru team: our Administrative Assistant in Lima, [Johnny Musayon](#), who had previously held this role within A Rocha Peru, and our new Talara Project Field Worker, [Lincoln Cruz](#).

We would also like to congratulate our Accountancy Assistant, [Cesia Espinoza](#), who gave birth to her son, Seiji Santiago, on August 1st.

EVENT NEWS

New National Board elected at Extraordinary General Assembly

On July 14th, A Rocha Peru's members met at an Extraordinary General Assembly held at our Lima office to elect a new National Board, in preparation for the completion of the outgoing Board's term. Through unanimous decision, we have been happy to welcome our new National Board Chair, [Irma Briceño Sanchez](#) (pictured at the centre) and our Board Directors, [Sara Armstrong](#) (furthest left), [Camilo Diaz Santibañez](#) (furthest right) and [Sarah-Lan Mathez-Stiefel](#). Their term will run from September 2016 to August 2019. You can also read more about Irma in 'Friend's Corner' below.



The Assembly was also an opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to our outgoing Board, namely former Chair, Maria de los Angeles La Torre Cuadros (second on the left), former Treasurer, Hector Castillo Zavaleta (second on the right) and former Secretary, Alexander Sifuentes Rossel, for their invaluable contribution and commitment during their term. Maria de los Angeles was presented with an anthurium flower in bloom as a small token of our heartfelt appreciation.

During the meeting, Maria de los Angeles reflected upon the achievements and challenges of the outgoing Board during their leadership. That today A Rocha Peru operates under robust and well-honed governing statutes and internal regulations, has a formalised organisational and governance structure, and an efficiently run governing body, is in no small part thanks to their outstanding effort and dedication. Reflecting on this time, Angeles says, *"Serving as Board Chair has been an amazing learning experience, professionally and spiritually. I have learnt to be patient with myself and others, and to trust in God's guidance. There is however still work to do, and we must continue opening up new paths!"*

'Time Out' 2016 linked to IUCN World Conservation Congress

On August 30th, A Rocha Peru celebrated an enjoyable (albeit rainy!) 'Time Out' in Barranco, Lima, in the company of members, staff, family and friends, as well as guests from A Rocha Switzerland. 'Time Outs' are held by A Rocha organisations around the world in years when there is no International Forum taking place. They offer A Rocha communities around the globe a fantastic opportunity to meet socially outside the workplace to relax, pray, and share food and time together.



A 'Time Out' devotional, led by new Board Director, Sara Armstrong, focused on marine conservation, keeping in line with the theme of the IUCN World Conservation Congress taking place from September 1st to 10th in Hawaii.

A Rocha International contributed to the IUCN Congress, with A Rocha's co-founder, Peter Harris, delivering a compelling presentation as part of the High-Level Panel entitled, '[Connections: Spirituality and Conservation](#)'. You can watch his talk between 1h07min and 1h22min via the video link above.

FRIEND'S CORNER

My name is: [Irma Briceño Sanchez](#)

I was born on: December 17th

I live in: Surco district, in Lima

I live with: my husband, Hector, and my two children, Omar and Krissel.

My favourite plants and animals: my favourite plants are orchids and cacti. I also really like birds, especially macaws and parrots.

I like: reading and listening to instrumental Christian music.

I am: the National Board Chair of A Rocha Peru

I started my role in: September 2016, but have been a member and supporter of A Rocha Peru since its foundation in 2005.

What I like most about my role: serving God as a steward of His creation, and contributing to sustainable development and the management and conservation of our natural resources.

What I like most about A Rocha Peru is: our commitment to creation care, following God's mandate to be loyal stewards of His creation, as well as our team spirit.



A ROCHA INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- Read A Rocha's International Review 2015/2016, entitled "[2015: The A Rocha story](#)" in English. Hard copies are also available at our Lima office.
- Read '[Loving our neighbours: and our neighbourhoods](#)', a touching blog post on Planetwise, in memory of a member of A Rocha Canada's extended community who passed away earlier this year.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

PRAY for blessings upon our organisation, projects, team, and fundraising and communications activities.

TELL US about any grant-making trusts, companies, schools, churches, or individuals who could be interested in supporting us, by sending an email to our Communications Officer, Clara del Campo, at clara.delcampo@arocha.org or calling +51 1 248 0271.

ENQUIRE about our volunteer and internship opportunities at our offices and projects in Lima, La Libertad and Talara.

DONATE to A Rocha Peru on a one-off or regular basis, by calling our Lima office on: +51 1 248 0271 or by emailing us at: peru@arocha.org. Remember you can donate not only financially, but also through your time, talent and skills!