

A ROCHA PERU: NEWS BULLETIN (ISSUE 6, SEPTEMBER 2014)

A ROCHA PERU NEWS:

PROJECT NEWS:

TALARA DRY FOREST RESTORATION AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT:



It is with pleasure that we share the first in a series of five project videos, entitled '[Planting Seeds of Hope](#)', which introduces the Talara Project. Since the project's launch in January 2014, 6,000 native tree seedlings have been produced, including 3,500 Algarrobo seedlings (*Prosopis spp.*), 1,500 Zapotes (*Capparis scabrida*) and 1,000 Vichayo (*Capparis ovalifolia*). In June and July, the NGO, AIDER, took measurements for a carbon sequestration study at the wind-farm's reforestation site, and initial on-site monitoring of avifauna was also conducted.



Since March, we have been running an Environmental Club called "Friends of the Plants" at I.E. General Felipe Santiago Salaverry school with 31 primary students. The club's objectives are to develop a school bio-garden, and conduct environmental awareness campaigns in their community. In June, club members took part in an annual Children's Fair organized at their school, where they were able to show the public a display of their recycled goods and souvenirs, and participate in a parade wearing traditional costumes which they had made from recycled materials. Our sincere thanks go to Tania Cruz Arismendiz and Ana Gómez Sernaque, who have volunteered in various project activities since May.

LA LIBERTAD DRY FOREST RESTORATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROJECT:

We are pleased to continue working with Rázuri District Municipality in the maintenance of 300 Algarrobo (*Prosopis spp.*) seedlings planted in April, and 100 more planted in August, at the Rázuri afforestation site (pictured right). Since March 2014, we have produced a further 900 Algarrobo (*Prosopis spp.*) seedlings at the National University of Trujillo's plant nursery, which will be planted in October. This has been possible thanks to the support of two university volunteers, Jordan de La Cruz Castillo and Aracely Gonza, supervised by our former Nursery Technician, Linda Vasquez Valverde, who have also been carrying out research into the best production conditions of native cotton.



In environmental education, we have been implementing the activities of our Environmental Club in Rázuri, known as 'Chicama Blue Planet', which has 20 teenage members. Activities have involved participating in project-related workshops, cleaning and reforestation campaigns, and outdoor educational visits to places such as *El Cañoncillo* dry forest and *El Tubo* wetland. The club's main activity has, however, been the design and development of small garden areas along *Pasaje Arequipa*, one of the district's main streets (pictured right).



TEAM NEWS:



A ROCHA PERU WELCOMES ITS NEWEST FAMILY MEMBER

We are delighted to share our joy at the birth of Fausto Acosta La Torre, the son of our National Board President, María de los Ángeles La Torre Cuadros and her husband, Victor Raul Acosta Campos. Fausto was born in perfect health on June 18th at 11.55am, weighing 3.6 kg and measuring 50 cm. We thank God for such a great blessing and warmly welcome our newest member of the A Rocha Peru family.

A WARM WELCOME AND FOND FAREWELL



We are pleased to welcome Stalin Rosales Delgado, our Talara Project Field Officer, who joined the team in June. You can read Stalin's profile [here](#). We also say a fond farewell to Linda Vasquez Valverde, and extend our sincere thanks for her dedicated work as the La Libertad Project's Nursery Technician over the last four months.

FUNDRAISING NEWS:

APPLICATION TO THE ISSACHAR FUND

With the support of A Rocha USA, we have applied to [The Issachar Fund](#) for funding for environmental education activities, which we hope will provide necessary match funding for our La Libertad Project. We have passed the first application round, and await the outcome of our full proposal in December 2014.

EVENTS:

A ROCHA PERU HOLDS ITS ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY



On June 12th, we held our Annual General Members Assembly at our office in Lima. During the Assembly, our 2013 Annual Report and 2014 Work Plan and Budget were presented and approved. The Assembly provided the opportunity for us to inform Members about our activities in 2013 and plans for 2014, and also to share a meal and fellowship time together.

A ROCHA PERU ATTENDS SECOND AMANCAY FESTIVAL IN LOMAS DE ASIA



Through our collaboration with the *Comunidad Campesina de Asia*, we were delighted to attend the second Amancay Festival in *Lomas de Asia*, Cañete, in southern Lima, entitled "Recovering our Ancestral Customs". The festival, held on June 28th, was an opportunity to enjoy a picturesque walk through hills where the emblematic Amancay flower was in bloom; witness a ceremonial earth offering, and try typical local food. We were also honoured to judge the children's drawing competition. Through this annual event, the community aims to develop its cultural identity and contribute to its sustainable development.

A ROCHA INTERNATIONAL NEWS:

Catch up on the latest [Top Stories](#) and blogs in [Planetwise](#).

Read A Rocha's vital statistics in the [2013/14 International Review](#) (pictured right).

Visit our new website, [At Your Service](#), which has educational resources for churches.



FRIEND'S CORNER

1. My name is: Deisy Julón Osorio.
2. I was born in: Carabayllo, Lima.
3. I live in: Carabayllo, Lima.
4. I live with: my parents and two brothers.
5. My favourite plants and animals are: the Cantuta flower, which is the national flower of Peru for its lovely features, and also the Andean cock-of-the-rock for its beauty.
6. I like to: sing, watch movies, and go on nature walks.
7. I am the: Administrator at A Rocha Perú.
8. I started on: April 1, 2014.
9. What I most like about my role is: developing my administrative skills, and working in an ethically and socially responsible way, to promote the growth of the organisation.
10. What I most like about A Rocha Peru is: the good working environment, the opportunity to put my knowledge into practice in service of God, and the work we do to support environmental conservation.



HOW YOU CAN HELP:

PRAY for the success of our projects and teams, and for our fundraising and communications activities.

ENQUIRE about the opportunity to be a Communications volunteer. Fluency in English and Spanish, and an ability to visit the Lima office, are essential.

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

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