

A ROCHA PERU: NEWS BULLETIN (ISSUE 7, JANUARY 2015)

A ROCHA PERU NEWS:

PROJECT NEWS:

TALARA DRY FOREST RESTORATION AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT:



The Talara team brought 2014 to a close with a successful evaluation visit with partners, ContourGlobal (the international energy company financing the project) and local neighbourhood councils, in which the project's 2014 achievements and 2015 goals were reviewed. 7,790 native seedlings were produced in 2014 (surpassing the goal of 4240), alongside 490 ornamental and fruit varieties. In November, the first part of the irrigation system was installed, enabling 250 Algarrobos and 250 Zapotes to be planted in December on approximately 3 hectares of the windfarm reforestation site. An inventory of flora and avifauna at the reforestation site and control area, and an avifauna monitoring report was also completed.



In the area environmental education, the children's club, known as 'Friends of the Plants', implemented the first stage of its school bio-garden, as well as cleaning and planting campaigns in October and November. Throughout 2014, 39 environmental education and training lectures and workshops were held with club members, and a further 10 with parents and teachers, benefiting 33 children and 71 adults. In addition, children participated in a street parade in Talara's civic center highlighting the importance of dry forest conservation to the protection of the critically endangered Peruvian Plantcutter bird (*Phytotoma Raymondii*).

LA LIBERTAD DRY FOREST RESTORATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROJECT:



A Rocha Peru was pleased to sign an inter-institutional agreement at the National University of Trujillo in November, formalizing our existing partnership in the areas of nursery management, reforestation, environmental education, and volunteer support. Thanks to access to the university's plant nursery and our dedicated volunteers, Jordan de la Cruz Castillo and Aracely Gonza Carnero, 1,200 Algarrobo (*Prosopis spp.*) seedlings were produced in 2014, of which 180 seedlings were planted in November at our reforestation site in Razuri. We are currently evaluating methods to increase our irrigation levels together with Razuri District Municipality in order to increase our planting capacity.



Much to the credit of our Environmental Youth Club members, and their dedicated preparations over several months, a re-inauguration ceremony was held on November 29th to celebrate the successful completion of their green areas project on *Pasaje Arequipa* in Razuri. The community event was attended by the Municipality's District Mayor, Lupe Flores León, and A Rocha Peru's Executive Director, Camille Allan, who were delighted see the green areas, enjoy dance performances, and congratulate the members of 'Chicama Blue Planet' and our team on the club's success.

FUNDRAISING NEWS:

NEW LA ESPERANZA YOUTH CLUB PILOT PROJECT:



In December, news was received from A Rocha International of a generous, anonymous donation of US\$10,000 for a new Youth Club pilot project in the shanty-town district of La Esperanza in Trujillo, northern Peru. The one-year pilot starts this January and is located in one of the most populous and poorest parts of La Esperanza district, known as Nueva Jerusalén (New Jerusalem), where poverty, delinquency, domestic violence and child abuse are rife. The project will provide local young people (aged 8 to 22 years) with the opportunity and space to develop social and environmental values based on Christian principles, and allow collaborations to be developed with local stakeholders and partners, with whom we hope to develop a future Peace Youth Centre in two years.

FUNDING SECURED FOR OUR LA LIBERTAD PROJECT:

We are pleased to announce the continued support of the Watersheds Foundation which will part-fund our dry forest restoration and environmental education activities in La Libertad for the project's third year (March 2015 – February 2016). Thanks to A Rocha International's invaluable support, match-funding was secured from the Emelco Foundation which (combined with funds previously secured with A Rocha Switzerland's support from *Réseau Évangélique Suisse*) will allow us to continue the project's Environmental Youth Club in 2015. We are also grateful to Cambridge College for the proceeds from their 2013 Tree Marathon, which will be used to reforest 13 native trees and provide related environmental education activities in La Libertad in 2015.

EVENTS:

A ROCHA PERU HOLDS EVENTS AT LIMA UNIVERSITY



Together with A Rocha's around the world, we enjoyed a 'Time Out' in September in the gardens of SEL University (pictured left). This social and spiritual event was an opportunity to come together as a family to relax, reflect biblically on our work, and renew our relationships with one another, God and His creation.

In September and November for the second year running, A Rocha Peru gave talks as part of the university's 'Bible and the Environment' course. Talks were delivered by our Vice President, Camilo Díaz Santibañez, and Executive Director, Camille Allan, who spoke respectively about Peru's mega biodiversity, and A Rocha Peru's work.



END OF THE YEAR EVENT 2014

A busy year was brought to a close with an end of year event held at our Lima office on December 15th. The event was an opportunity to thank God for blessings received, present our work in 2014 and share our aspirations for 2015. The evening was capped with a Christmas meal enjoyed in our office gardens amongst friends and colleagues.

A SPECIAL THANKS AND WARM WELCOME



We extend a special thanks to Paola Caballero Fernandez, for her dedicated work as our Environmental Education Officer in the La Libertad Project between March 2013 to December 2014. Paola has been instrumental to the success of the project's environmental education activities, in particular with our 'Chicama Blue Planet' Environmental Club, and we look forward to working with her in the future, once funding becomes available. This December we welcomed Sarita Chavez Casanova (pictured left) to the team. Sarita has a background in Accountancy, and will be supporting our Trujillo office as our new Administrative Secretary.

A ROCHA INTERNATIONAL NEWS:

Read A Rocha International's [Top Stories](#), which this month feature our [Talara Project video](#). Catch up with the latest [Planetwise](#) blogs, including 'Honey New Year' by Tom Rowley. Read A Rocha International's December 2014 '[Research and Conservation newsletter](#)' available



FRIEND'S CORNER

1. My name is: Liliana Judit Berango.
2. I was born in: Mendoza, in Argentina.
3. I have lived in: Lima since 2013.
4. I live with: my husband, Jorge Albeiro and one of my two children, Exequiel. My daughter, Virginia, lives in Buenos Aires.
5. My favourite plants and animals are: Lavender for its freshness and aroma, and the sweetgum tree for its beautiful autumnal colour. I love the the sorsal bird for its morning song, and the Labrador Retriever for its happiness and companionship.
6. I like to: run, ride my bicycle, read, travel, spend time with friends and enjoy nature.
7. I am the: Communications and Development Officer.
8. I started: as a volunteer in September 2013, before starting my role on April 1, 2014.
9. What I most like about my role is: the challenge its gives me to develop new skills and explore a new area.
10. What I most like about A Rocha Perú is: its strong environmental and social vision, the friendship within our team, and our Christian identity.



HOW YOU CAN HELP:

PRAY for the successful progress of our organisation, our existing and new projects, our growing team, and ongoing fundraising and communications activities.

ENQUIRE about our volunteer, internship and employment opportunities at our offices and projects in Lima, La Libertad and Talara, in particular our Communications and Administration job opportunities at our Lima office.

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.