

# News Bulletin (Issue 21)

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*"In the day of trouble, he will keep me safe in his dwelling;  
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock" Psalm 27:5*

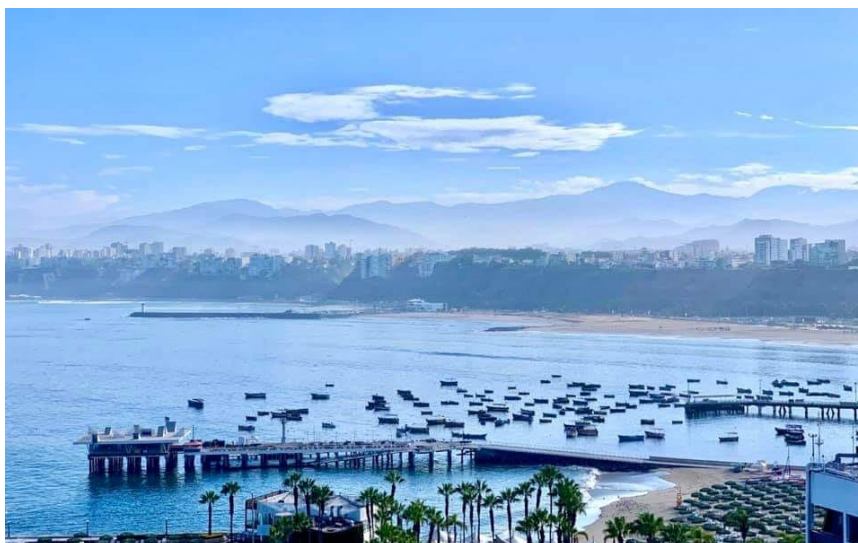
## PROJECT NEWS

### A Rocha Perú during the COVID-19 pandemic

- A few words from Ramon Casana, A Rocha Perú Director

As the world is staggering to come to terms with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have definitely not escaped its grip in Perú. On March 16, the Peruvian government declared a State of Emergency, enforcing a nationwide quarantine and introduced strict measures such as border closures, including the suspension of national and international travel. The Peruvian population has been in strict isolation in their homes and life as we know it has come to a halt.

Due to the State of Emergency, Dry Forest Project field activities, meetings and workshops in La Libertad have been suspended. However, a small remnant of people continue to work from home, carrying out administrative and operational activities, including fundraising and communications. Our thoughts and prayers are particularly with those whose loved ones are vulnerable or ill, those who are ill themselves, or who are unable to earn the daily money to feed their families, as well as those working in the hospitals and in the social care field.



On the ninth day of quarantine, in Lima, Peru (Image: V León)

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## An update from the Dry Forest Project

## EVENTS

**Vote for A Rocha Perú in the Climate Action Campaign!!**



This week, we're inviting YOU to join us in celebrating the 50th anniversary of Earth Day at GlobalGiving's Climate Action Campaign. 20 - 24 April, donate to help the communities in La Libertad to conserve, protect and sustainably manage dry forest habitats. GlobalGiving will match your generosity by 50%! Donate now to - [A Rocha Peru's Dry Forest Project](#)

**International Conference for Arid Ecosystems: threats and opportunities associated with climate change**

A Rocha Perú, the Universidad Científica del Sur (UCSUR) and the Universidad Nacional Abierta y a Distancia - UNAD Colombia, participated in the International Scientific Conference "Arid Ecosystems: threats and opportunities associated with climate change" - DETOCC from 3 to 7 March in Piura. This conference provided a platform for researchers, students,



February 2020, Reforestation team for Santonte collaborator, Mr Murrugarra

In the first couple of months of 2020, the Dry Forest Project continued to work towards achieving its goal of collaborating with local communities to restore, conserve, and sustainably manage dry forest landscapes for the benefit of nature and society in northern Peru. Since 2019, we have reforested over 8.89 hectares with 971 seedlings of native species including algarrobo, espino and sapote. Key highlights from January and February include -

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## TEAM NEWS



Paula Rosario



Mariela de los Angeles

We would also like to say a big 'thank you' to our volunteer students who have provided the time and energy to make a positive contribution to our Dry Forest Project this past summer, including Mariela de los Angeles Rivera Vilca from the Universidad Científica del Sur and Paula Rosario Lopez Vargas from the Universidad Nacional Agraria, La Molina. Both were involved in all activities of the project, including: reforestation, monitoring visits to reforested areas, environmental education workshops, artisan workshops for the ACP Cañoncillo conservation group and patrols in the Cañoncillo and Trieto Prieto forests. The students displayed empathy, leadership and a willingness to learn. We appreciate their time and commitment to our project.



April 22, will mark 50 years of Earth Day! Earth Day's Network mission this year is to build the world largest environmental event digitally for the first time in its history. So, tune into Earth Day online and visit its website [here](#).

decision makers and interested people with a focus in the field of ecology, biology, agronomy, forest engineering and climatology to meet and share knowledge. At this event, the preliminary results of long-term studies of biodiversity and ecosystem services in the Dry Forest of Pacasmayo, La Libertad, Peru were presented. The studies specifically examine the Algarrobo tree dry forests and the services they provide in terms of carbon storage and climate regulation. You can access the results of this study [here](#).

## PUBLICATIONS:

**A role model we all should know**



Our very own Board President, María de los Ángeles La Torre Cuadros, was interviewed by Christianity Today in their Special Series, "Twelve Christian Women in Science You Should Know". You can access the [article here](#).



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