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A Rocha Peru E-News

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"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it" Psalm 24:1

Project News



Conserving El Hornito, Ecotourism planning, and a new Eco-School

A Rocha Peru and local communities continue to protect and conserve the dry forests in Pacasmayo, La Libertad. Over the last few months, the project has been working to protect remnant dry forests in El Hornito, planning for ecotourism, and creating a new Eco-School in Tecapa.

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[Taking care of God's creation in Trujillo](#)

The new Creation Care Program has commenced in Victor Larco, Trujillo, La Libertad with the collaboration of the Evangelical Presbyterian and Reformed Church of Peru, and A Rocha Peru's Iglesia Verde Project. Andrea Mitzy Regalado Gálvez is coordinating the activities as the new Project Officer.

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[An evaluation of the La Libertad Dry Forest Project](#)

Zoila Aurora Cruz Burga, an independent consultant, visited Pascasmayo from the 30th of September until the 4th of October to perform an evaluation of La Libertad Dry Forest project. Zoila inspected the reforested areas and evaluated the different activities developed in the project. Interviews were conducted with the A Rocha Peru project team and project beneficiaries across 6 localities.

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Students defending their theses

Congratulations to our two intern/thesis students, Grecia Valdivia Vergaray and David Sánchez Amaya who have successfully defended their thesis at their respective universities. A Rocha Peru has a partnership with two different national universities, Universidad Científica del Sur (UCSUR) and Universidad Nacional de Trujillo (UNT) enabling university students to conduct invaluable research on the flora, fauna, and ecology of dry forests as part of their theses. [Learn More](#).



Community Voices

María Emperatriz Garrido Jara is a mother of a family of 6 from Santa Maria village and Maria received an improved cookstove installed by the La Libertad Dry Forest Project in 2020. The benefits of using these cookstoves are explained by María. “My kitchen was installed in November of last year. Before my kitchen was installed, I used to cook over an open fire with two mud bricks on the sides. My whole house was filled with smoke and it was harmful to my health as I have eye problems. After the installation of my ecological cookstoves, the smoke no longer stays in my house and I use less firewood. I know that climate change is caused by man and all those natural disasters are caused by climate change. With these ecological stoves installed, we use less firewood and we don’t always spend time going to the forest to cut down carob trees.”



Funding News

We thank all our donors including Interaction Foundation, Watershed Foundation, Aatop, CGK, Climate Stewards, and a number of individual donors from across the world. Your incredible support and generosity helps us to continue our important conservation work in the Peruvian dry forest.

Also, it's almost time for @GlobalGiving's **Monthly Donor Drive!** Tell your friends and family: together, we can build stability for Pacasmayo community! From Dec. 13 - 17, @GlobalGiving will match your new monthly gift by 200%.

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Team News

We are pleased to welcome new team members to A Rocha Peru, Christian Manuel Tezén Yupanqui, our new Field Technician, and Irbin Estuardo Chavarri Campos, our new Field Staff for the La Libertad Dry Forest Project from November 2021.

Welcome, Christian and Irbin!!

We would also like to say a big thank you to all our volunteers who have provided time and energy to our projects. They are (in alphabetical order): Hannah Wilkinson and Homan Castillo. Please read more about our [current team members](#) on our website.



A Rocha International News

The United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties, COP26, took place from 1-12 November 2021, in Glasgow, Scotland. It was the 26th Conference of the Parties, bringing together the signatory countries of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). 13 staff members were representing A Rocha from the UK, Ghana, France, Canada, Climate Stewards, and A Rocha International. A Rocha Ghana and A Rocha UK had exhibition stands and others were networking, reporting out, and seeing how they might influence outcomes. [Read more.](#)



Some Interesting Reads

A Rocha, [Expanding Conservation in northern Peru](#), (Annual Review 2020-21, p15)
Dave Bookless, [‘Code red for humanity’: Can we, and the world, still flourish?](#) (A Rocha Blog)
A Rocha: [Episode 11: Deepa Senapathi – Balancing the needs of nature and humanity](#) (Fields Note Podcast)



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