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*"If one part suffers, every part suffers with it;
if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it" Corinthians 12:26*

Project News



Successful seedling production for reforestation campaign

One of our most important activities for the year is the production of native seedlings for our reforestation campaigns. This activity commenced In March and April this year.

The team searched for native seeds of dry forest species such as Algarrobo and Hawthorn.

[Find out more](#)



Creating native handicrafts with forest resources

El Cañoncillo Natural Forest Private Conservation Area has three lagoons: Gallinazo, Larga and Cañoncillo. Creeping weeds and bushes have been obscuring the view of visitors to one of the lagoons, Gallinazo. Consequently, La Libertad Dry Forest project conducted a harvesting campaign of the lagoon in May this year with the Agricultural Cooperative of Tecapa (CAU) and the Cañoncillo Forest Craftswomen Association.

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A new garden of joy in Chiclayo

Our Inglesa Verde project continues to grow in 2022 with a second mini-project implemented in the Evangelical Presbyterian and Reformed Church in Peru (IEPRP) called Fuente de Vida in Chiclayo. The mini-project called Jardín de Alegría [Garden of Joy] was implemented with the collaboration of Pastor Mateo Galuk, and members of the church, such as sisters; Hanna, Rosario, Soledad, Yaqueline, Cheila, and Julifer.

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Community Voices

La Libertad Dry Forest Project works with children and adolescents at schools and churches to develop environmental awareness amongst students. The project has expanded its environmental education collaboration with the Christian Church, Casa de Oración [House of Prayer] in Pacasmayo led by Pastor José Guzmán. In December 2021, a location for the new garden was identified in Micaela Bastidas Soup Kitchen, San Demetrio. The soup kitchen gives free food to the neediest families of the community of San Demetrio, which includes 28 families, 120 people, 20 boys, and 18 girls. Elisabeth Molina Tantalean is one of the mothers who live in San Demetrio and belongs to the soup kitchen of Micaela Bastidas. She describes what it was like before and after the support of La Libertad Dry Forest Project. "Before we had the support, our soup kitchen was not organized and the place was practically abandoned. Now, we have implemented an organic garden, sheds for raising small animals (guinea pigs), a tank for the supply of drinking water, and improvements in the infrastructure of the dining room. There have also been environmental education talks." - Elisabeth Molina Tantalean



Funding News

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Peru. Please don't forget to continue sharing our link for our [current fundraising campaign](#) for the dry forest.



Team News

We would also like to say a big thank you to all our volunteers who have provided the time and energy to make a positive contribution to our Dry Forest Project this past few months, including Homan Castillo Benítez who participated in our bird watching day for A Rocha Peru. We were also extremely lucky to have [Xavier Saer](#), a South African photographer, visit our Dry Forest Project in Pacasmayo in July 2022. Thank you, Xavier for your generous time and skills in providing us with some beautiful new photos to help promote our La Libertad Dry Forest Project. In addition, we also thank Jochem Pak for his support as a volunteer in the second mini-project for our Iglesia Verde Project.

Please read more about our [current team members](#) on our website.



Events

A Rocha Peru participated in the second annual John Stott Birding Day in May to commemorate, celebrate and continue John Stott's legacy as a theologian, pastor, and birdwatcher. Our team this year included Ciro Flores, Elgar Cuadra Quispe, and Homan Castillo Benítez. They sighted 111 bird species including the Blue Heron, Baird's Flycatcher, Vermilion Flycatcher, Fasciated Wren, and the Peruvian Miner to name a few. The team covered a variety of locations in Pacasmayo including the Cañoncillo Forest, the Tronco Prieto forest, Desmbocadura de Río Jequetepeque and Lomas del Cerro Campana. What an achievement!



Voices of Hope

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