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A Rocha Peru E-News

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*"Live in each season as it passes; breathe the air, drink the drink, taste the fruit,
and resign yourself to the influence of the earth." Henry David Thoreau*

Project News



Helping improve land health & crop production

Agroforestry is an approach that combines agriculture with trees on the same piece of land. Planting trees on farms can give farmers healthier soil and higher yields – not to mention creating vital homes for wildlife.

[Find out more](#)



Our new micro-livestock breeding initiative!

La Libertad Dry Forest Project continues to supply improved cookstoves for families in Pacasmayo. The improved cookstoves use less fuelwood than traditional open fires and reduce the need to cut down dry forest trees. The project delivered the kits to households in July and in August ten cookstoves were installed in households from San Demetrio and Pueblo Nuevo.

[Discover now](#)



Sowing seeds for change!

La Libertad Dry Forest Project continues to raise environmental awareness in schools and churches. This year it has expanded its education talks and garden activities to three schools and churches, including Calvary Chapel. The project inspires younger generations to become environmental ambassadors, helping them to reconnect with nature and enhancing conservation knowledge.

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Community Voices

José Quesquén Hernández, from El Solano in San Pedro de Lloc, lives near the dry forests of Cañoncillo and Tronco Prieto, one of the most biodiverse natural areas on the coast of La Libertad. However, these dry forests are suffering from rapid deforestation. In 2020, Jose became involved in the La Libertad project reforesting nearly 0.4 hectares of deforested land with 60 seedlings of Algarrobo. Jose says, "I have been supporting the project for one year and eleven months, participating in conservation activities such as planting Algarrobo trees in my area. We have carried out two planting campaigns so that my area can be filled with trees and animals. My land before planting was not maintained and I had an incident where my fence was burnt ... With these planting campaigns I have seen that there are animals in my area, and the vegetation has increased... These plants will later become trees which will give me shade. These activities that I am doing in conjunction with the NGO A Rocha Peru have changed my way of thinking about the fauna and flora of the forest and I try to pass it on to my family... I am grateful to the NGO A Rocha Peru for the support they give us and that they continue to contribute to the care of the Algarrobo tree."



Funding News

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#GivingTuesday is less than one month away on **November 29!** For 2022, all

#GivingTuesday donations will go to help train young student leaders to grow an organic garden in Peru. Save the date and read more about our [#GivingTuesday campaign](#).



Team News

Jose Verano Chachay, a previous A Rocha Perú intern, volunteer, and Field Technician for our La Libertad Dry Forest Project, presented his thesis on the 26th of July at Científica del Sur University. His thesis was titled "Estimation of Carbon in Canoncillo Dry Forest Necromass" (Pacasmayo, Peru). Congratulations to Jose for reaching this milestone!

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



Events

Our La Libertad Dry Forest Project has received a number of visitors this year. Cyril Alther from Sahee Foundation visited in April and Rusty Edmonson from the Watershed Foundation visited the project in May. Also, in October, the Director of Operations for A Rocha International, Sarah French, paid a visit. Our Director, Ramon Casana, and Project Coordinator, Ciro Flores, accompanied our visitors touring various aspects of the project including reforested areas, beneficiaries, local conservation groups, Tecapa secondary school, the craftswomen of the Cañoncillo forest, the wetlands of the Private Conservation Area Cañoncillo, and more. We thank all those involved.

Also, this year the A Rocha Peru staff embarked on a strategic planning process to guide the organization's next phase of growth. The process started with a strategic planning weekend with a special in-person gathering in Lima on a weekend in October. Sarah French, the Director of Operations for A Rocha International, was also in attendance which coincided with her visit to the Dry Forest Project in La Libertad.



Voices of Hope

A Rocha International, [Annual Review 2021-2022](#) (p8 A Rocha Peru)

Hilary Marlow, [Does our pride cause the earth to fall?](#) (A Rocha Blog, 6th July 2022)

Jo Swinney, [Finding a Place at the Table and a heart for hospitality](#) (Fields Notes Podcast, Ep25)

Soohwan Park, [Sustainable activism and the prayer-driven life](#) (Field Notes Podcast, Ep24)



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