

Project Update: September 2013

Between August 18th, 2012 until February 1st, 2013, I was a visiting scholar at the University of California at Berkeley. During this time, my focus was to collect the vast archival data in Berkeley's Bancroft library needed to understand the large-scale environmental history of the region.

I also reviewed and make sound contributions to the Janos Biosphere Reserve Management plan, which abbreviated version was approved by the Federal Government on November 22nd, 2012 and its full version is now in press to be available to the general public. This is a huge accomplishment for our team and the conservation of this amazing place.

After the end of my visit at UC Berkeley I traveled to the Janos Biosphere Reserve to organise a workshop with CONANP (Comision Nacional de Areas Naturales Protegidas), national and international NGOs and our research team to design a 5- year action plan (in order to apply the general management plan), run interviews with the key informants and re-photograph the sites of historical photos I got during the archival research.