

Project Update: July 2014

During May and June 2014, SELVA implemented the education curriculum “Biodiversity Week” in six rural schools located strategically within the Darién and Urabá regions in north-west Colombia. A total of 208 children, aged between 9 and 13 years old, took part in the activities, along with 11 primary school teachers. At the end of the week in each school, the teachers were presented with an Educator’s manual and teaching materials, enabling them to continue implementing the “Biodiversity Week” in future years. Among the curriculum activities, the children enjoyed the observation of birds and the pollination games most of all. The teachers were particularly impressed by the how effective the activities were in explaining difficult concepts like mimicry and migration and are keen to continue using the curriculum. The success of the education activities was possible through the support of local organisations, Ecohuellas and the Tacarcuna Reserve, and the community councils.



Photo 1. Learning about the life cycle of butterflies – the chrysalis.



Photo 2. A lesson in bird identification.