

Project Update: September 2012

The sampling on the transects is reaching its final phase. We have sampled four different habitat types. Only Six fecal samples have been collected and along browsing signs, we already have identified 28 plants that the species uses as food.

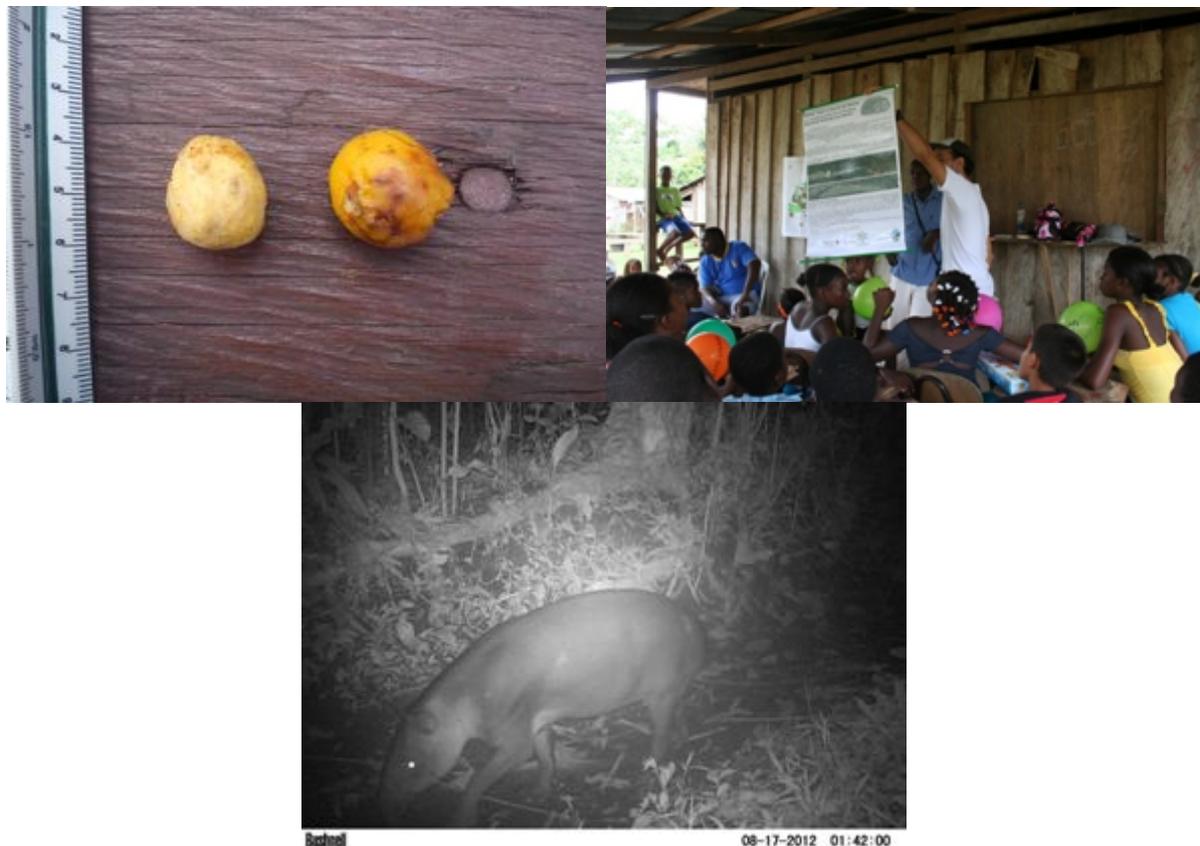
We established 28 camera stations and started sampling them in two sub sets: first, 14 camera stations in 45 days and then the other 14 also in 45 days. On the first camera sampling area we have identified five individual tapirs and one pair.

We visited two communities that hunt tapir (an indigenous and an afro-Colombian one) and we presented the project to them. We collected information regarding the species and establish the perception towards it. With the children we made learning activities and gave them toys.

With other two communities, specifically with their children we invited them to the protected area and also made learning activities, alongside the park functionaries.

I have also been published in the newspaper "El Tiempo" online, one of the most important newspapers in our country.

The link is: <http://www.eltiempo.com/vida-de-hoy/ecologia/fototrampa-capto-una-danta-en-el-parque-nacional-los-katios-12276935-4>



Left: Eaten fruit. Right: Bijao kids. Middle: tapir.