

## Project Update: September 2012

I have just come back from the study area where I did a couple of workshops with the children from the school “Escuela la Suiza” and the environmental interpreters and local guides who work at the study area (Regional Park Ucumari and the National Park Santuario de Flora y Fauna Otun Quimbaya). I was very satisfied with both workshops.

The first workshop was with the younger members of group “Soledad de Montana” and local guides. We saw a movie “an inconvenient true” and I organised a talk to explain some concepts related with climate change and to clarify the role of Andean forest to mitigate the consequences on biodiversity by climate change. At the end of the workshop, we shared a lunch together, during the lunch one of the leaders of the group said to me: “now, after your talk, I understood what climate change is and why we should preserve our forests”.

The second workshop was with the children at the school (Escuela la Suiza). We showed a couple of videos, followed by a talk, discussion and a game. The children were very smart and able to connect causes, consequences and solutions for climate change. The teacher at the school and I were very pleased with the feedback from the children.

