

### **Project Update: April 2013**

For the first time in Bolivia a book regarding “Plants of the rock-outcrops of the Roboré Mountains: diversity, endemism and conservation” is published. The book characterises the diversity and endemism of rock outcrops, brings illustrations and descriptions of 64 rare plants including 16 endemics, not known from other parts of the world. Regarding the endemic species it includes information about their ecology, biology, distribution and an evaluation of the current conservation status. Finally, the book outlines actual and potential threats to the survival of rock-outcrops and their species and brings general and specific conservation recommendations, with particular emphasis in the endemic species.

This production has been possible thanks to the information gathered from the projects: “Conservation of the cerrados of western Bolivia”, 1st-RSG Project 8074-1 “Diversity and endemism on rock outcrops in the Bolivian Cerrado biome: implications for conservation” and 2nd-RSG Project 11566-2 “Ecology and biology of threatened narrow endemics of rock-outcrops in the Bolivian Cerrado biome: an approach to the conservation of rare plants”. This book it is not only an important contribution to the conservation of rock-outcrops and the plants of the area but also it is an important input to the knowledge of the flora of the Cerrado biome at the regional scale - one of the top biodiversity hotspots for conservation priorities in the planet. In the following weeks it will be distributed free of cost among local people, scientific community and policy makers, and will be available in the RSG webpage.