

Project Update: June 2009

Since April 2009 I moved further south to Amacayacu National Park (3° 49.118' S, 70° 15.673' W), in order to include all the variations in the lick types and animal communities that use them. Also to understand the effects of government conservation schemes in the licks. This will permit a wider and better understanding of these places by the comparison between licks and the use local indigenous communities make of them. The results are already very interesting. Although the licks in the park continue being used heavily by tapirs, it seems like other species are more frequent than in the Caquetá licks. The results of this second year will let us understand the differences and their causes. The future plans are to continue the sampling at Amacayacu during 2009-2010 and complete a second year in Caqueta during 2010.