

## **Project Update: October 2008**

I just finished my first field season and returned to Bogota last week. During the last months I spent a lot of time talking with the elders learning about their traditional knowledge and the management they use to give to the licks, also documenting the current use of the natural resources by the community. I also organised a work team of 4 young hunters. They work part time in the project registering the animals that use the 10 licks in which we are currently working, checking the camera traps that we set up and registering the hunting activities.

So far we have more than 500 videos from the camera traps that I have to analyse in order to identify tapir individuals at each lick, register their behaviour, get data about the different species use frequency and the influence of the lick habitat characteristics in those frequencies. Also we have a lot of information gathered in the 120 hours of direct observations of animal activity at the licks that will complete what the cameras are telling to us.