

## Project Update: September 2016

During my fieldwork I was able to visit several Mapuche Communities in the Region of La Araucania. I was lucky to be able to collaborate with the Alianza Territorial Mapuche – Mapuche Territorial Alliance and the Indigenous Studies Institute (University of La Frontera). Being able to visit different Mapuche communities allowed me to have a greater sense of the big picture. Although these communities are part of the same Mapuche Nation, they have some differences depending on their geographical location. Thus, people who lives on the coast have different practices than those who live in the mountains. In this differences is where I found one of the limitations Mapuche people are struggling with in their process of adapting to climate change. Under the government’s programme of land restitution, many communities are acquiring land in different geographical areas, and therefore being relocated outside their traditional territories, under different climatic conditions”



Left: Llaima Volcano and Blanco River, powerful spirits in the Mapuche worldview. Right: Timber plantations on ancestral Mapuche Territory, Curacautin, Chile



Left: Group Interview at the Benancio Huenchupan Mapuche Community, Curacautin, Chile. Right: Drawing a map of traditional territory, Leimpi Colipi Mapuche Community, Curacautin, Chile.