

## Project Update: July 2016

Last June at Community la 23, Pitajones, Guamuhaya have taken place the community inquiry cycle training course to empower communitarians on different environmental issues. The mission: to recognize after questions the environmental condition of the community and how they can addresses the management to improve biodiversity and the productions of ecological good and services. Attended, 25 students of different communities, mostly women, and technical personnel of the ecological Reserve Lomas de Banao. The age was wide-ranging, with Camila, the little daughter of one of the participant with only 4 years old to the experienced Ruperta at 92. The main questions were directed to their concern on water availability and quality related with climate change, soil erosion, coffee, culture and production, and biodiversity conservation. With the debate communitarians could realize how they know their local environment and how they can management it in order to sustain their usual agricultural practices.



Exchanging ideas in the first congress edition on community research on environmental issues



Explaining the question steps



Explaining the results of the practices



Great results after great questions



Introduction



Participants dialoguing on environmental issues at local scale



Preparing Community inquiry training



Ruperta sharing her results with the participants



The classroom and classmates



The coffee cup a great friend to loose scenic shay



The first congress edition on community research on environmental issues



Preparing posters for the first congress edition on community research on environmental issues



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The question steps team practice



Ruperta the oldest student looking how to improve biodiversity in her inquiry parcel



Preparing her inquiries on vascular epiphytes



Mother with daughter to attending the capacity training



Gisela preparing her inquiries on vascular epiphytes



Explaining inquiry parcel practice



Concern about desertification and soil erosion



Camila the littlest student only 4 years old