

Project Update: June 2016

Fundación Pro-Conservación de los Primates Panameños (FCPP) started this project by interviewing local people from different parts of the Darien province. FCPP provided a coloured image of the target species to biologists carrying observations at Bajo Chiquito (Cemaco-Wounaan reserve), Tuira River north part, Maje Mountain Chain, including the Chucanti Nature Reserve and San Francisco de Asis Reserve. Cooperative observations were done with the help of different organisations that have been working in other areas in the central and south part of Darien, including the zones of Torti, Meteti, Marea, La Palma, Garachine, Jaque, Taimiti, Cemaco, Llano Bonito and Balsa with the help of the Peregrine Fund with Jose De Jesus Vargas-Gonzalez, and for other part information collected by Ricardo Moreno and his team from Fundación Natura, Gemas/Fondo Darién, Yaguará Panamá to Cana, Jaque, Pirre, Sapo, and Paya. The last observations for this period were completed until the last eastern village of the Embera-Wounaan at Cocalito, with the support of the Servicio Nacional de Fronteras (Senafrent) and with the support of Adhara De La Barrera and rangers from the Environmental Ministry to Pucuru at the Guna community, navigating the Tuira River, also the locality of Boca de Cupe, passing to Bajo Lepes and near the connection with Situro and in the way to “Cruce de Monos” trail. In the way we did environmental education leaving information about the non-human primates of Panama with bookmarks, posters and t-shirts translated in the three languages Guna, Embera, and Wounaan. Conserv-Action and NatExplorers were covering this activities with Barbara Rethore and Julien Chapuis. The scientific team have been collecting diversity information of birds, mammals (including bats), amphibians and reptiles, and orquids, by Abel Batista, Bonarge Rodriguez and Ovidio Jaramillo from FCPP.



Left: Tuira River. Right: Pedro Mendez-Carvajal, Juan Sabugara and Ovidio Jaramillo