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During this period, we carried out different activities of this project: environmental education activities in rural communities, field trips, and publications. The environmental education activities in rural communities was mainly dedicated to increase the knowledge about terrestrial gastropods and their conservation (Figure 1).

The work was mainly devoted to the study of the endemic terrestrial snails of fragmented landscapes (example: Sierra de las Casas and Sierra Bibijagua). In the field trips we took data about the number of individuals by locality from endemic species (*Opisthosiphon pupoides*, *Pineria terebra*, *Pineria beathiana*, *Priotrochatella stellata* and *Glandinella poeyana*), which have been processed. We make progress in the accumulation of pictures in the image bank, which is essential for the illustrated report and publications (Figure 2).

Recently, the journal of biodiversity data (*Checklist*), published a manuscript title: A checklist of terrestrial molluscs (Mollusca: Gastropoda) from Sierra Bibijagua, Isla de la Juventud, Cuba. This scientific article will have an important impact on practical conservation because will provide useful information for the management of the protected areas, specially fragmented landscapes as Sierra Bibijagua.





Figure 1. The environmental education activities in rural communities.





Figure 2. Field trips to Sierra de las Casas and Sierra Bibijagua, Isla de la Juventud, Cuba.