

Project Update: August 2010

During June and July 2010, we carried out environmental education in two indigenous communities of Peru. This included:

- Awareness-raising with school children through art and play and performance of a turtle conservation stage play.
- Recovery and diffusion of traditional knowledge regarding turtles with elder people.
- Appropriation of turtle conservation and traditional knowledge with a group of young people.

We worked very intensively with the groups of young people to motivate them to create local conservation groups in their communities. At the end of the programme, we gathered together the four participating communities, two experienced ones from Colombia and two new ones from Peru. Each community made a presentation of traditional knowledge regarding turtles (dances, stories and a stage play) and we showed videos and photos of the activities carried out in 2009. We believe that these activities will motivate the Peruvian communities to form their own local conservation groups for the follow-up activities.

