

Project Update: December 2005

Progress has been achieved during 2005 in the conservation of the Red-fronted Macaw in the Caine River valley. Key results include: a population census, behaviour studies to see patterns in relation to damage inflicted by the bird on different local crops, and reproduction behaviour. Other key activities included environmental education, coordination with other institutions in training in ecotourism and artisan products to promote the conservation of the Red-fronted Macaw.

A small organization for women was formed for training in protecting the Red-fronted macaw. Women were very interested in the recycling of plastic bags to make bags to carry their harvest; protecting the macaws' habitat through proper waste management. Our biologist participated in the 1st National Workshop about Illegal Wildlife Trading which was sponsored by the Bolivian Network against the Traffic of Wild Animals (REBOCTAS) to learn more about preventing the traffic of Red-fronted macaws. Support was given to the nearby Torotoro National Park through training for park guards about the Red-fronted macaw to teach ways to do ecotourism with park guests without causing any damage to the macaw.