

## Project Update: July 2008

During our summer season (January – March 2008) six hundred seed traps were installed on 4 post-fire sites of different post-fire age. Two USA volunteers helped me (Beritanna Engstrom from Minnesota and Madeleine Cole from Colorado) to achieve those tasks. Her help was an invaluable contribution to my field work.

Censuses and transects related with seedling recruitment and vegetation cover were done in those sites. Besides fox feces were collected in the post-fire sites to evaluate their role as seed dispersers in post-fire sites.

Seed traps were collected on April 2008 and samples are being processed.

The design of seed traps was not the most efficient, so in next October another design will be tested.

Seeds coming from fox feces were separated, stratified in refrigerator and in next August they will be placed in growth chambers to evaluate germination percentage of the seeds passing through the digestive tract of those carnivores.

