

Project Update: January 2020

The 2-day field trip was a complete success in all aspects regarding the sampling. We took wood cores for dendrochronology and leaf samples for genetic studies in the two *F. cupressoides* forests we visited.

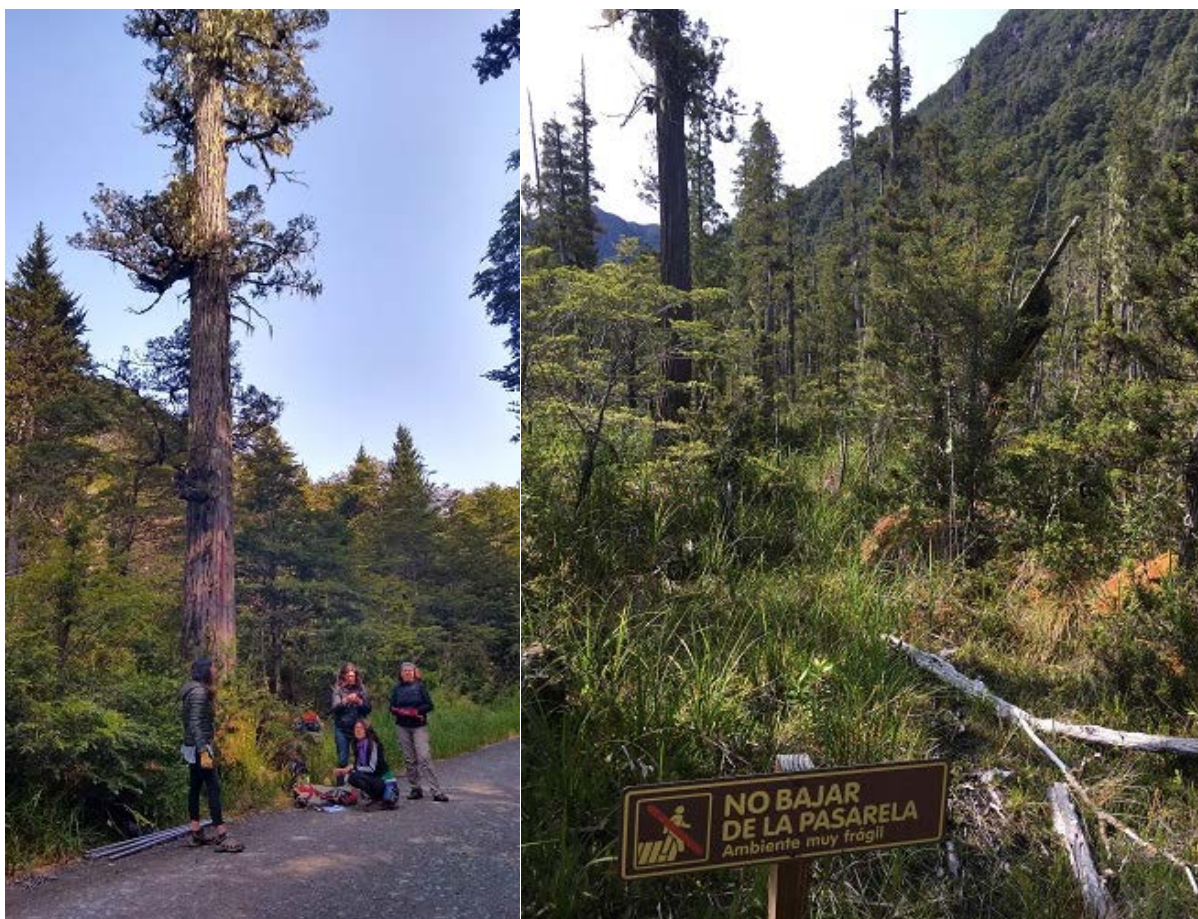
During the 1st day we went on a 7-hour hike to the heart of an ancient forest near Lake Ortiz Basualdo. Unfortunately, we found many decaying trees along the trail walk. We spent the night at Puerto Blest's biological station and during the 2nd day we went to an amazing forest growing on a very fragile peat bog.

More good news: we started organising the first workshop! We found the most amazing venue for the gathering, Estancia Fortín Chacabuco. It is located near all our sampling sites at Bariloche and the owners work in close proximity with other landowners that we wanted to invite. I'll be sending pictures of that later.

Pictures show our work and the natural beauty of this amazing forests we had the pleasure to walk through.



Left: Starting the long hike with team member (From left to right: Gabriela Juri, Paula Mathiassen, Andrea Premoli, María Laura Suarez and Mariana Fasanella). Right: Walking through the valdivian cold forest.



Left: The team preparing to work at the peat bog. Right: *F. cupressoides* from the peat bog.



Collecting leaf samples and wood cores.



**Fitzroya
cupressoides**

Found them!