

Project Update: November 2004

We realized in the Municipal Library of Puerto Santa Cruz city (Patagonia) the workshop "Analysis of managing alternatives to reduce the carnivores/landholders conflict in the surrounding Monte Leon National Park (PNML)".

The Aims of the workshop were: To present preliminary results of the monitoring of mountain lions and foxes, know actors' attitudes involved in the conflict and to discuss alternatives of managing to reduce the depredation of livestock for native large predators and to mitigate the conflict in the surroundings of the PNML.

In this workshop participate landholders of the vicinity of the PNML, institutions related to the agrarian system of the zone and the National Parks Service.

We summarized different experiences in our country and in other parts of the world about the livestock depredation by carnivore's conflict, determinant factors of the level of depredation and maps of risk were elaborated with landholder's participation.

On the other hand, the workshop participants enumerated proposed methods to mitigate the livestock damage in the periphery of the PNML and there were listed some advantages and disadvantages of the same ones in the zone of interest.

We obtain positive results and commitment of all workshop participants, for implementing some of the methods proposed in a short term.

I elaborate an abstract of the workshop (in Spanish), that may be requested to monicavpia@yahoo.com.ar.



