

Project Update: May 2009

We have finished a new trip to Llalaguani where we collected some data on population of Cochabamba mountain-finch. In Llalaguani we found 8 individuals, two of them juveniles. We also recorded nine new individuals in another two *Polylepis* fragments (5 and 3 ha respectively). The first area named La Porta (18° 06' 32"S, 66° 06' 17"W; 3500 m) is disturbed by some close agricultural activities, with some open areas and the presence of cattle - here we found seven individuals. The second area named Sikiri (18° 05' 51"S, 66° 08' 28"W; 3500 m) is highly disturbed by agricultural activities, close to the road and with clear evidence of continuous logging - here we just found two individuals.

I joined the Mayor of Acasio, and we have still to wait for some commandments of central government to decide about the Reserve, but I am very positive about it, because local people want to have it.

We will to start the environmental education during the next visit and we have already talked with the teachers.

I hope that the paper about this new population will be ready in the next few months.



Left: In this landslide, we saw a Cochabamba mountain finch. Right: In this landslide, we saw a Cochabamba mountain finch.



Left: In this big landslide, rocks were still falling. Right: Road to Llalaguani. Down the valley is the River Mizque.



Left: Here we are taking some data of the trees and sometimes is difficult to reach the trees.
Right: Here we are working with a local person.



We found other Polylepis fragments; here are some pictures.



Acasio and Llallaguni are very old villages; look at the date on the door.