

Project Update: December 2009

Throughout the year, we produced 10,000 seedlings of Pino de monte (*Podocarpus glomeratus*) and Queñua (*Polylepis racemosa*) in the nursery. Also, we helped to produce 5,000 seedlings of Aliso (*Alnus acuminata*) and Tara (*Caesalpinia spinosa*) for end of year reforestations. We have had rainy weather conditions and have recently started the reforestation.

From the 2nd to 5th December 2009, 60 school students and teachers helped to plant 5,000 Aliso and Queñua seedlings on the property of the Jose Miguel Lanza School. We coordinated with the teachers and directors of three rural schools outside of Independencia and we obtained activity spaces in their environmental education classes. We did 35 days of workshops for 400 students from 7 to 17 years-old. We also did drawing competitions, and the students and teachers all enjoyed participating.

Together with the program Ecobona, the Municipal Government, and the farmers of five different communities, we helped to create five protected areas. Whole area has approximately 195 ha of woodlands and will protect plants, for example the *Polylepis racemosa*, *Podocarpus glomeratus*, *Weinmania microphylla* trees, and many birds, insects and small mammals.

