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Together with other organizations, we produced a book about Independencia's native forests. It has descriptions of indigenous forest management, as well as botany, ecology, reproduction, and tree and wildlife use. It was put together by college students, teachers, policy makers, and professionals, and it is currently being distributed.

Over 4 months, we produced and ran seven educational radio programmes for children and adults. The programs were recorded in "Quechua," the native language. The programme teaches the benefits of native trees and recommends reducing forest fires and exotic tree plantings.

We did an environmental education workshop with the community of Pajchanti, and as result we planted 2,000 native plants of Queñua, Pino de monte, Aliso and others. Also, we are continuing to create protected areas in the forest, training farmers and helping to create one new area of approximately 800 ha. Together with Biocultura we are creating a local code and a municipal guide in order to impact local politics.

