

Project Update: February 2010

During November 2009, I gathered all the materials and equipment needed to run the project. In December 2009 the team started the first activity i.e. the anthropogenic gradient determination. We divided the Banco National Park into sectors and scrutinized each of them in search of evidence indices of perturbation due to human impact. A particular effort was made in the peripheral and central areas. We completed this work at the end of January 2010 as we identified three zones as degraded and three others as intact. From February 5th 2010, we have started sampling soil living ants.



Left: Team member digging soil to isolate a monolith. Right: Team member sorting ants from a soil monolith.