

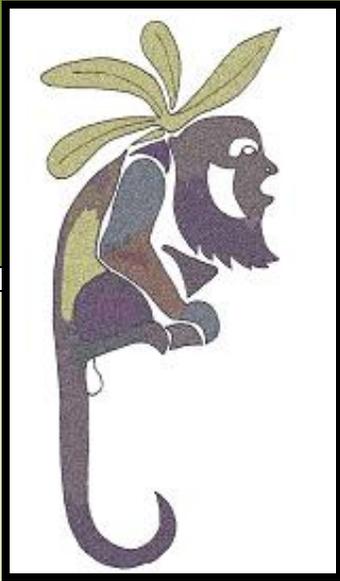
# Fundación Pro-Conservación de los Primates Panameños (FCPP)

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FCPP's newsletter

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May 2014–April 2015



*FCPP celebrates 15 years of study and activities for the conservation of the Panamanian primates. This year we strengthened our environmental educational activity at the Azuero Peninsula and Chiriqui, and presented at the Congress of National Science and Technology (APANAC), at Oxford, United Kingdom, and Houston, Texas, United States. For the first time, we participated as national specialists and authorities on Panamanian primate taxa to update the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List. Thank you very much for your support!*

## **Publications, Congress, and Presentations**

### ***The Orion Camera System, presented and published***

*This year we published in the prestigious journal Mesoamericana with our article “The Orion Camera System, a new method to set camera traps at canopy tree to study primates and other mammals: A case study in Panama”. In this article, Panamanian researchers present our invention of the first method to set digital and automatic camera traps in the canopy without climbing trees at about 12 meters high level.*

Link: <http://goo.gl/hsQn7J>

Additionally, part of this important research was published as a pioneer Project in Panama and Central America, for the study of arboreal species in La Estrella de Panama newspaper on October 29, 2014.

Link: <http://goo.gl/ekJjRQ>

On the same day, the president of the FCPP, formally presented the OCS to a group of experts in primatology and mammalogy from Durham University, UK and Oxford Brookes University, UK, with students and Professors in attendance.

On October 20 we presented to the national scientific public at the APANAC 2014 Congress our preliminary data for two projects we are conducting in Chiriqui province. Presentations were made by Luz Loría Amores, Project director of the Proyecto Mono Cariblanco en Agro-ecosistemas, and Elvia Miranda Jiménez, for the Proyecto de Conservación del Mono Tití Chiricano.

On October 31, we published an announcement in La Prensa de Panama newspaper, where FCPP state why we disagree with the “Proyecto por un millón de Hectareas” proposed by the National Association for the Panamanian Reforests and other organizations, which advocate that cultivation of teak trees as friendly to biodiversity. FCPP recommends that Panama should reforest with native species as the only way to recover our flora and fauna: See mammals and teak article: <http://goo.gl/VSaO0R>

Link: <http://goo.gl/1SEpp6>





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## **Workshops, Conferences, Environmental Education and Research**

FCPP were invited to participate in the evaluation of the conservation status of the non-human primate species of Panama as members of the Specialist Group of the Neotropical Primates and Mesoamerica. In this workshop we interacted with Russell Mittermeier and Anthony Rylands from Conservation International along with a total of 32 renowned primatologists and specialists from the Neotropical countries. The idea of this workshop was to evaluate the IUCN Red List for 2015. Ivelisse Ruiz-Bernard and Pedro Mendez-Carvajal participated thanks to the support of Bristol Zoo, Durham University, and funds raised by the IUCN from the Margot Marsh Foundation and Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund.

## **DENOUNCING FOR MORE AWARENESS; DEFORESTATION AND OTHER ECOLOGICAL PROBLEMS**

FCPP found it important to mention different situations that have been happening in this period, such as the low production of rice in Azuero region due to lack of rainfall, directly related with high rate of deforestation in the area. Other activities were denounced by indigenous people at Chiriqui province, they are against two hydro-electrical projects that are causing bad impact in the biodiversity to the La Amistad International Park. For other part, hunting in primates was penalized by Geremías Aguilar from the Environmental Authority of Panama at Veraguas province. Finally, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) declared that use of herbicides as Malation and Round-up between others are carcinogenic and dangerous for humans. FCPP recommends farmers to reduce the use of these herbicides. <http://goo.gl/FgiHz7>

## **FCPP offered educational talks, stickers, and t-shirts to the Tijeras group at Ocú, Azuero.**

FCPP visited the Asociación de Productores Agropecuarios del Tijeras, Virgen del Carmen; Luz-Loría and Jonathan González presented a video from the president of FCPP and explained to them our conservation activities. Link: <http://goo.gl/REx5L2>

## **Volunteers program "Watch the monkey" for the citizen scientists who love nature**

Many of the Panamanians and foreign visitors, living in Panama, can now support FCPP by volunteering to monitor our groups of primates which are naturally living inside their properties, inhabit field-work areas, or during tours and traveling throughout remote Panamanian areas. In this period there are more people added to our program: Abel Batista, Calixto Barrera, Ricardo Moreno, Benjamín Walker, Alexis Guevara, Samuel Valdés, Virna del C. Domínguez, Daniel Holness, Arianne Magallón, Juan Loaiza, Marissa del Pilar Batista de Cheng, Ismail Azcárraga, Edgar Sánchez, Onis Rodríguez, Brosis Rodríguez, Lucy González, Christian Guerra, Elpidio González, Victor Bosh, Isolina Santamaría, Adolín Marín, Tribu Guarumo, Geovani Castillo. Thank you very much for your cooperation with the study of Panamanian primates!



## **Environmental Education at Coffee Plantations of Chiriqui**

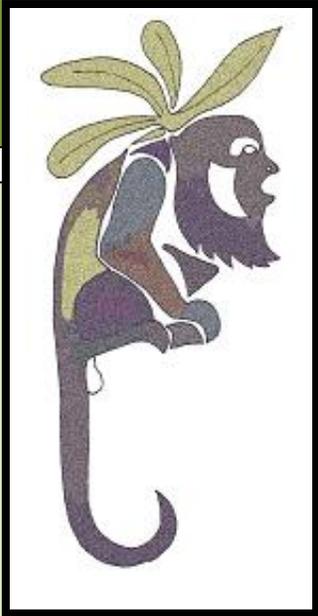
Luz Loría Amores, director of the project **Capuchin Monkey in Agro-Ecosystems**, offered educative talks, t-shirts and stickers to promote the conservation of the native forest and to value the primate species which are living near the coffee plantation areas. Doña Amelia Farm, Jaramillo Arriba, Chiriqui.

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New contributions from FCPP

New web: [www.fcprimatespanama.org](http://www.fcprimatespanama.org)

## “Bookmarks”



FCPP will be offering bookmarks illustrating each of the Panamanian primates and their general information as an educational tool. We will collect funds through these activities to support more students and continue monitoring and studying primates in Panama. If you are interested please write us at

[fcprimatespanama@gmail.com](mailto:fcprimatespanama@gmail.com)

## Some pictures from our Orion Camera System



*Alouatta cobensis trabeata*  
Atuero, Panama



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## Primate books were donated to FCPP

We thank Anthony Rylands of Neotropical Primates Journal, for the donation of a box full of volumes from this specialized magazine. To Russell Mittermeier for the donative of Primates chapter in Mammals of the World book, and thanks to Bernardo Urbani for his book, a translated version of “El mundo de las cosas vivientes” of the Japanese primatologist Kinji Imanishi.



## Visiting the Florida Museum of Natural History; Mammal Collection Gainesville, Florida, United States.



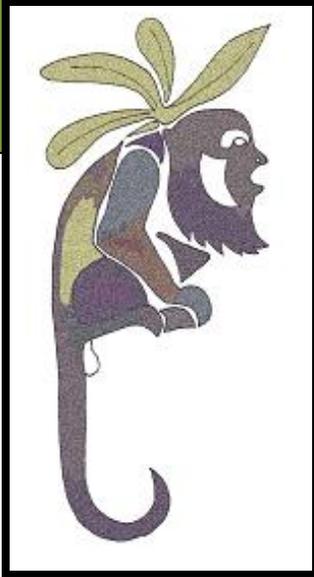
IUCN Red List 2015, Houston, Texas, United States.

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Talking with Profesor Víctor Hugo Tejera, Manolos Café 2012, Panama.

## Primate people

### Dr. Victor Hugo Tejera Nuñez

Director ad-honorem

Vertebrates Museum of the Biology School  
University of Panama

We would like to highlight one of our best professors, a pioneer of ornithology in Panama as well as great mammalogist.

He conducts a complete monitoring Project to evaluate the diversity and nesting behaviour of the campus' birds at the university. Due to his research we have been able to understand survivorship patterns for urban birds, along with some of the problems these birds are facing when living in the middle of the city.

He has been an advisor for hundreds of students and lead more than 50 research projects in the country with similar amount of publications at national and international level. Studying birds, mammals, and also mollusks on which he recently published one of the more complete works together with Professor Miguel Cervantes Aviles Escalante (r.i.p).

Professor Tejera has been an example for his students, while teaching courses on Panama's Fauna, Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy, Systematics, Taxidermy, amongst others. Often advising students to create their independent research to improve and fight for the interest and needs of the students from the University of Panama.

In 1999, he encouraged several students into voluntary work, creating the group "Friends of the Vertebrate Museum at the University of Panama". From there he was able to direct students to focus on different taxonomic groups, offering technical support for their first publications in local newspapers which he considered to be a good way to improve our cultural knowledge.

As a part of our highlighted professors, FCPP would like to dedicate these lines to thank Professor Victor Tejera, for his dedication to his research, the preservation of our University's scientific collection, and for his hard work as a lecturer.

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## What is a Citizen Scientist?

A citizen scientist is an idea to get Panamanian citizens to be involved being useful to their society. The citizens cooperate by sending their observations to FCPP and in this way, learn to value and protect in an active way its natural resources and to do so in a more scientific and correct way.

## Our videos at **Youtube**

Conserv-Action, is a French organization interested to help to conserve critically endangered species at international level, they have prepared a trailer for the Chucanti project we have to study and conserve the Darien black spider monkey. Thank you Conserv-Action!

Link: <http://goo.gl/FHSXWU>

## Message from FCPP

See our video talking about the importance of the primates in the ecology and a brief gallery pictures through our 15 years work.

Link: <http://goo.gl/J32az1>



"Our children are our future; respect their rights to learn and enjoy the natural resources"



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### Agradecimientos y Reconocimientos

We would like to thank the volunteers who have been active in our work to monitor the groups of primates from different parts of Panama. Special thanks to: Samuel Valdés, Bárbara Réthoré, Julien Chapuis, Hipólito Osvaldo López, Clarice López, por su apoyo a FCPP. Al personal voluntario administrativo, Marta Carvajal de Méndez, Elena Méndez, Adolfo Méndez, and Samantha L. González. Thanks to the institutions that have been fully or partially supporting our projects, we extend our sincere appreciations for their support in the primate conservation in Panama...

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### Agronomy Association, Tijeras de Ocu and FCPP, 2014



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Thank you to Hipólito Osvaldo López and Clarice López for kindly donate our new website [www.fcprimatespanama.org](http://www.fcprimatespanama.org)



Congratulations to Luz Loria Amores for her first participation in the National Congress of Science and Technology in Panama 2014.

