

Detailed Final Report

We have now completed counts of Blue-throated macaws at 5 of the 8 known locations, and at one new one. Although we have seen more Blue-throated macaws in 2001 than in 2000, the overall trend from 1993 to date shows a general decline of the Blue-throated Macaw population. We noted that at most sites, the Blue-throated Macaw was dominated by the more abundant Blue and Yellow Macaw, and they were competing to nest in the same palms.

Our continuous awareness work targeting landowners, ranch employees and their families, and relevant authorities in the Beni is a slow but fruitful method of countering the illegal commercial extraction of Blue-throated Macaws. We were also very pleased with the impact of our public awareness work at the annual fair in Trinidad. We would like in the future to be able to develop a school based environmental education programme and are working to find a suitable location where we can build such a project.

We have forged a good connection with Hombre y Naturaleza, a Spanish NGO active in the technical aspects of the creation of a new protected area in the Beni.