

Project Update: September 2000

I have recently returned from a visit to the Beni capital of Trinidad, where I linked up with a specialist educator from the Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History Environmental Education section.

The trip was a great success in that for the first time solid quantitative and qualitative data was obtained on local people's knowledge, opinions, problems, and expectations regarding nature conservation, local health problems, and education. Our workshops focused on the three rural schools which had been selected, and valuable contact has also been made with the educational authorities of Beni itself.

I also had the opportunity to be involved in a 27 minute broadcast on the Blue-throated macaw and its conservation project, transmitted in June throughout the state of Beni. To reinforce all this we have produced a leaflet, and we are soon bringing out a project poster. The next stage is to hire full time project staff.