

Project Update April 2025

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Update: With the Rufford grant, we are able to install our experiment in all 21 shaded cocoa agroforests and also expand the project with 4 new sites in forests to be used as control plots. The forest sites are located inside a conservation unit, the Reserva da Biosfera (REBIO) de Una, and will be monitored just like the agroforest sites.



Photo 1. Plot delimitation of the planted saplings. In the background, three individuals of *Inga edulis* are visible, while in the foreground, three individuals of *Euterpe edulis* can be observed. © Matheus Torres



Photo 2. Plot delimitation of the planted saplings. In the background, three individuals of *Inga edulis* are visible, while in the foreground, three individuals of *Euterpe edulis* can be observed. © Matheus Torres



Photo 3. Enclosure experiment. On the left, fenced plots designed to exclude terrestrial fauna; on the right, control plots without exclusion structures. © Matheus Torres



Photo 4. Exclosure experiment. On the right, fenced plots designed to exclude terrestrial fauna; on the left, control plots without exclusion structures. © Matheus Torres