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2025 REPORT

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# DISCOVERING THE CULTURAL AND NATURAL WEALTH OF SANTA CRUZ LA VIEJA

FEBRUARY 2025

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## STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES AND COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

The event was part of a broader effort to strengthen the capacities of women artisans, enabling them to integrate environmental knowledge into their daily practices and promote ecosystem conservation within their communities.



# WORKSHOP MEETING ON LAW NO. 313 AND DEPARTMENTAL DECREE NO. 465

MARCH 2025

## STRENGTHENING ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE: A WORKSHOP FOR THE CONSERVATION OF NATURAL HERITAGE

As part of ongoing efforts to strengthen natural heritage management, a key meeting was held in Santa Cruz de la Sierra on March 28, 2025, with the participation of the Natural Heritage Conservation Directorate (DICOPAN), management committees, and partner organizations such as SAVIA and FCBC. The workshop focused on discussing Departmental Decree No. 465 and its implementation within the framework of Law No. 313, with the objective of strengthening the internal regulations of Natural Heritage Conservation Units (UCPNs).

During the meeting, important agreements were reached to improve inter-institutional coordination and ensure the effective implementation of legal frameworks. Representatives of the management committees committed to updating and adapting their internal regulations before April 2025.

## SUPPORTED BY SAVIA

SAVIA played a key role in facilitating the workshop, strengthening technical collaboration among the participating institutions and helping ensure that legal processes are aligned with the needs and realities of conservation territories.



# CHIQUITANO INDIGENOUS LEADERS GATHERING

JUNE 2025

## STRENGTHENING INDIGENOUS COLLECTIVE RIGHTS: A TRANSFORMATIVE GATHERING

On June 24–25, 2025, a key event was held at the Bolivian Catholic University to discuss violations of Indigenous rights in the Chiquitania region. Organized by SAVIA together with partner organizations, the gathering provided a space for Indigenous leaders, legal advisors, and environmental specialists to reflect on current legislation, territorial management, and the challenges affecting Indigenous communities and territories in Chiquitania.

## SUPPORTED BY SAVIA

SAVIA participated as a strategic partner, providing logistical support and facilitating dialogue spaces that enabled a joint analysis of the collective and individual rights violations affecting Indigenous territories across the region.

## LONG-TERM IMPACT

This gathering represented an important step in the preparation of the technical document that will be presented before the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP) in Geneva, strengthening the international advocacy efforts for the protection of Indigenous rights.





# ACGAPCHCPA ANNUAL WORKSHOP

JUNIO 2025



## JOINING FORCES FOR CONSERVATION: THE 8TH ANNUAL WORKSHOP 2025

On July 23–24, 2025, the **8th Annual Workshop of the Association of Protected Area Management Committees of the Chaco, Chiquitania, Pantanal and Amazon (ACGAPCHCPA)** brought together key stakeholders from across these regions to review progress and define new actions related to governance, environmental legislation, and wildfire management. The event marked an important milestone in strengthening a regional network of management committees committed to conservation.





## DIALOGUE FOR THE FUTURE OF PROTECTED AREAS

The workshop opened with a dynamic exchange of ideas focused on strengthening the management of protected areas and advancing environmental conservation efforts. Participants shared experiences, challenges, and opportunities for improving coordination and promoting sustainable management practices throughout the region.

## EXPECTED LONG-TERM OUTCOMES

The workshop resulted in renewed commitments to implement inter-institutional actions across the region, including initiatives related to water resource management, wildfire prevention, environmental governance, and community participation in conservation efforts.





# CONSOLIDATION OF THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF THE SANTA CRUZ LA VIEJA UCPN

JULY 2025



## STRENGTHENING LOCAL MANAGEMENT: CONSOLIDATING A MODEL INTERNAL RE- GULATION

In July 2025, a collaborative process involving SAVIA, DICOPAN, and members of the Management Committee of the Santa Cruz la Vieja UCPN culminated in the consolidation of the protected area's Internal Regulations. This regulation, now serving as a reference model, will provide the foundation for participatory and sustainable management in other protected areas across the region.

## ACTIVE COLLABORATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGULATIONS

During the working sessions, DICOPAN's legal advisors guided the regulatory review process, ensuring that the regulations were aligned with Law No. 313 and Departmental Decree No. 465. In addition, members of the Management Committee contributed valuable observations that helped adapt the document to local needs and realities.

## LONG-TERM IMPACT

The consolidation of these Internal Regulations establishes a solid foundation for the governance of the Santa Cruz la Vieja UCPN and will serve as a model for other protected areas, strengthening regulatory consistency and improving inter-institutional coordination.



# INSTITUTIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

JULY 2025

## RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE IN CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

In August 2025, the SAVIA Association was honored with an Institutional Merit Recognition by the Municipal Council of San José de Chiquitos, in acknowledgment of its valuable contributions to biodiversity conservation, environmental research, and sustainable development in the region.

## ACTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONSERVATION OF THE CHACO AND CHIQUITANIA

SAVIA has played a key role in preserving the ecosystems of the Gran Chaco and the Chiquitania, promoting research and biodiversity protection through strategic conservation initiatives that benefit both nature and local communities.

## A TEAM COMMITTED TO THE FUTURE OF THE ENVIRONMENT

This recognition is a testament to the dedication and hard work of the SAVIA team, whose ongoing efforts continue to make a positive and lasting impact throughout the region.



# WORKING GROUP FOR THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF THE LAGUNA CONCEPCIÓN UCPN

AUGUST 2025

## PROGRESS IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE: THE PARTICIPATORY PROCESS OF LAGUNA CONCEPCIÓN

On August 21, 2025, representatives of the Indigenous community, local authorities, and SAVIA met in Pailón to move forward with the development of the Internal Regulations of the Laguna Concepción UCPN. The process was marked by a participatory approach that allowed local communities to have a voice in defining the governance and conservation rules for the area.

## OPEN DIALOGUE FOR SUSTAINABILITY

During the session, the preliminary draft of the Internal Regulations was presented, re-

viewed, and adjusted according to the contributions of the participants. This working group strengthened coordination between authorities and communities, ensuring the representation of all relevant stakeholders in the management of the protected area.

## EXPECTED LONG-TERM IMPACT

These regulations will lay the foundation for participatory and legally sound management of the Laguna Concepción UCPN. In the long term, they will help replicate the model in other protected areas, consolidating a network of committees with harmonized regulations and a community-based conservation approach.



# DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OBSERVATORY ON VIOLATIONS OF THE RIGHTS OF TERRITORY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS

SEPTEMBER 2025

## MONITORING AND TRANSPARENCY: THE OBSERVATORY ON VIOLATIONS OF ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS

During the second half of 2025, the Observatory on Violations of the Rights of Territory and Environmental Defenders was implemented as a digital tool to record, classify, and systematize information on the rights of environmental defenders. This initiative was developed by ACGAPCHCPA with the support of SAVIA.

## DATA COLLECTION AND SYSTEMATIZATION

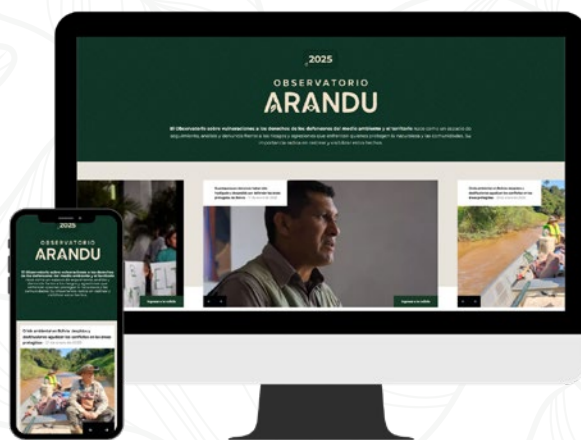
The Observatory was designed with a verification and transparency approach, prioritizing reliable and documentary sources. The website of the Association of Protected Area Management Committees now serves as a reference platform for monitoring rights violations and providing public access to the reports generated.

## EXPECTED LONG-TERM IMPACT

This permanent monitoring platform will make it possible to systematize cases, support national and international advocacy actions, and improve responses to risk situations faced by environmental defenders.

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# ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH MULTIPLIERS GATHERING

SEPTEMBER 2025



## LEARNING AND ACTION FOR NATURE: THE ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH MULTIPLIERS GATHERING

From September 12 to 14, 2025, 35 young people from different communities participated in a transformative gathering in San José de Chiquitos. Over the course of three days, participants engaged in activities designed to promote environmental awareness and encourage local action for nature conservation.

## MAIN ACTIVITIES: A JOURNEY OF LEARNING AND CREATIVITY

Activities included environmental theatre, where participants performed plays addressing issues such as wildfires and

wildlife trafficking, guided by the Akaraku Teatro collective. They also took part in an eco-route, a clean-up campaign at the Santa Cruz la Vieja Historical Park, and creative presentations focused on protected areas and conservation.

## CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND ARTISTIC EXPRESSION

The gathering concluded with active participation in the Raíces Vivas Festival, where young people expressed their commitment to the environment through theatre, dance, and music. This experience empowered participants to become environmental awareness multipliers, strengthening their leadership skills and fostering networks for collective action in support of nature.



### STRENGTHENING YOUTH LEADERSHIP

The training process enabled participants to strengthen their communication, teamwork, and community leadership skills. Through group dynamics, participatory planning, and educational guidance, the youth multipliers assumed an active role in promoting conservation within their communities, recognizing themselves as advocates for the protection of local territories and biodiversity.

### SUPPORT FROM PARK RANGERS AND PROTECTED AREAS

The gathering included the participation of park rangers from Kaa-lya del Gran Chaco National Park, as well as the protected areas of Santa Cruz la Vieja and Laguna Concep-

ción, who provided learning opportunities focused on biodiversity, natural resource management, and ecological connectivity. Their support helped strengthen participants' understanding of the territory and fostered a sense of shared environmental responsibility.

### ART AND CULTURE AS TOOLS FOR CONSERVATION

With the support of the Akaraku Teatro collective, participants developed theatrical performances, masks, and artistic representations inspired by local wildlife and environmental challenges affecting their regions. Art became a powerful tool for community awareness, enabling conservation messages to be communicated in creative, accessible, and culturally relevant ways.

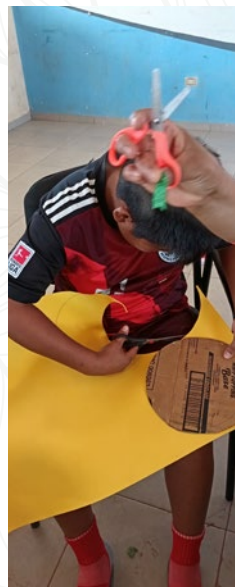


# STRENGTHENING ENVIRONMENTAL MULTIPLIERS – CUARIRENDA

OCTUBRE 2025

In October 2025, a capacity-building workshop was held in the Guaraní Indigenous community of Cuarirenda for Environmental Multipliers, focusing on the use of puppetry as a tool for environmental education. Activities included the development of educational materials, puppet-handling exercises, introductory scriptwriting, body expression activities, and reflections on the territory, Kaa-lya National Park, and the importance of conservation.

As a result, participants strengthened their communication and artistic skills, enhancing their ability to share environmental messages with children, youth, and local stakeholders within their community.



# PREPARATION OF A THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE IN COMMEMORATION OF JAGUAR DAY

DECEMBER 2025

In December 2025, the Environmental Multipliers of Cuarirenda prepared a puppet theatre performance to commemorate Jaguar Day, linking artistic expression with awareness-raising on the protection of wildlife and Guaraní territory.

During the activity, participants organized characters, key messages, scenes, and performance roles, incorporating themes related to biodiversity, threats to jaguars, and shared community responsibility for conservation.

As a result, the group advanced the development of an educational theatrical production aimed at strengthening environmental awareness and encouraging youth engagement in conservation efforts.



# ENVIRONMENTAL MULTIPLIERS CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP LA BRECHA

OCTOBER 2025

In October 2025, a capacity-building workshop was held in the Guaraní Indigenous community of La Brecha for Environmental Multipliers. The training focused on dramaturgy, mask-making, theatrical performance, and environmental topics related to climate change, protected areas, forest conservation, and wildfires.

The workshop helped strengthen youth leadership, teamwork, and participants' ability to communicate environmental challenges through performing arts. As a result, participants enhanced their creative tools and skills to develop environmental awareness activities within their communities.



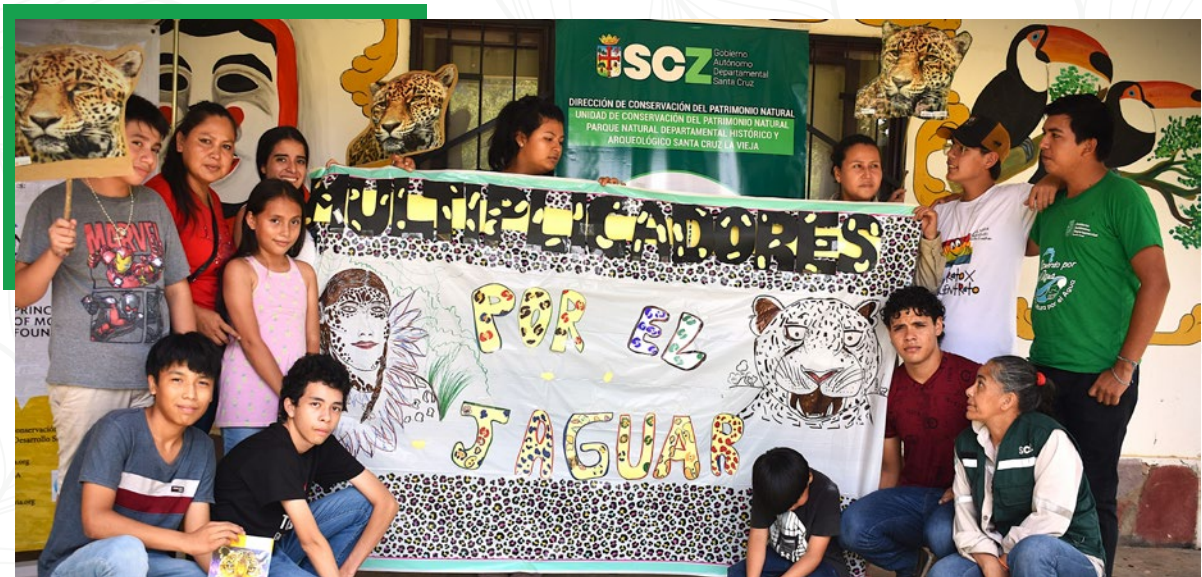


# JAGUAR DAY

DECEMBER 2025

In December 2025, the Environmental Multipliers of San José de Chiquitos participated in awareness-raising activities to commemorate Jaguar Day, promoting messages related to biodiversity conservation, wildlife trafficking, forest protection, and the ecological value of protected areas.

The event helped participants connect the jaguar's role with the ecological connectivity between the Chaco and Chiquitania regions, encouraging environmental reflection from a local perspective. As a result, the young participants strengthened their role as environmental advocates and awareness agents in educational and community settings.



# LET'S TALK ABOUT OUR PROTECTED AREA: LAGUNA CONCEPCIÓN

AUGUST 2025



In August 2025, the activity “Let’s Talk About Our Protected Area: Laguna Concepción” was held in the community of Tunas. The activity was aimed at strengthening the knowledge of children, youth, and local stakeholders about the ecological, tourism, and cultural importance of this protected area.

The session addressed its general characteristics, threats, conservation values, and role in territorial connectivity. As a result, greater local ownership of Laguna Concepción was promoted, while youth participation in environmental education actions was strengthened.



# ENVIRONMENTAL MULTIPLIERS CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP – TUNAS

NOVEMBER 2025

In November 2025, a capacity-building workshop for Environmental Multipliers was held in Tunas, with an emphasis on dramaturgy, mask-making, theatrical performance, and topics related to climate change, protected areas, forest conservation, and wildfires.

The activity connected environmental learning with artistic techniques, enabling young participants to transform their knowledge into educational messages for their community.

As a result, participants strengthened their communication skills, creativity, and environmental leadership, becoming better prepared to carry out local awareness-raising actions.



# WORKSHOP FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE VALLE DE TUCABACA PROTECTED AREA

SEPTIEMBRE 2025

## MOVING TOWARD PARTICIPATORY MANAGEMENT: THE TUCABACA WORKSHOP

In September 2025, the municipality of Rorobó hosted a key workshop for the development of the Internal Regulations of the Management Committee of the Valle de Tucabaca Municipal Wildlife Reserve Protected Area. This participatory working space brought together local authorities, community representatives, and technical staff from SAVIA and DICOPAN, with the objective of strengthening the governance of the protected area through a regulatory framework adapted to the local context.

## COLLECTIVE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGULATIONS

During the session, the preliminary draft of the Management Committee's Internal Re-

gulations was presented. Through a collaborative process, participants analyzed and adjusted each article to ensure that the document reflected local needs and remained aligned with current regulations, including Departmental Law No. 313 and Departmental Decree No. 465.

## SPACE FOR DIALOGUE AND CONSENSUS-BUILDING

The participatory methodology allowed all voices to be heard, generating open dialogue among authorities, community representatives, and technical staff. This approach ensured that the regulations were not only technical, but also inclusive, responding to the concerns of local communities, who are the main guardians of the natural resources of Valle de Tucabaca.





# ■ CONSOLIDATION OF THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE SAN RAFAEL MUNICIPAL

SEPTEMBER 2025

## STRENGTHENING LOCAL GOVERNANCE: THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF SAN RAFAEL

In September 2025, progress was made in the development of the Internal Regulations of the Management Committee of the San Rafael Municipal Protected Area. This collaborative process included the participation of SAVIA and the Foundation for the Conservation of the Chiquitano Forest (FCBC), as well as members of the Management Committee and legal advisors from the Municipal Government of San Rafael.

## PARTICIPATORY DEVELOPMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT

The session provided a space to review and discuss the draft regulations, addressing key topics such as organizational structure, responsibilities, and coordination mechanisms. This participatory process helped ensure that the regulations reflected local needs and remained aligned with the current legal framework.



# OPERATIONAL CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP FOR CONSERVATION

OCTOBER 2025

## STRENGTHENING CONSERVATION IN THE HEART OF BOLIVIA

In October 2025, the Alta Vista Tropical Dry Forest Studies Center hosted an intensive and highly relevant training process through the Operational Capacity-Building Workshop for Conservation. The event brought together 36 guardians and specialists from 18 protected areas within the geographic mosaic of the Chaco, Chiquitania, Pantanal, Cruceño Valleys, and Amazon regions, with the objective of strengthening protection efforts in Bolivia's natural areas.

## STRENGTHENING CONSERVATION IN THE HEART OF BOLIVIA

The workshop began with an in-depth focus on biodiversity monitoring. On the first day, participants received intensive training on the use of camera traps, essential tools for wildlife monitoring. The theoretical component was complemented by the installation of equipment at the Alta Vista Center, allowing participants to immediately apply the knowledge acquired and strengthen the connection between training and field action.

## WATER MONITORING: A CRUCIAL STEP FOR CONSERVATION

The second day focused on water monitoring, with practical training on flow measurement and the use of specialized applications to report data on water bodies. Participants not only acquired technical skills, but also shared their experiences and challenges in protecting water resources within their respective protected areas.



## EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES AND COMMITMENT TO CONSERVATION

A key part of the workshop was the space created for exchanging experiences. Participants discussed the real challenges they face in their daily work, from biodiversity monitoring to the management of environmental conflicts. This dialogue enriched collective understanding and strengthened the commitment of all participants to more effective and sustainable management of Bolivia's natural resources.



## A FUTURE WITH STRONGER CAPACITIES AND CONCRETE ACTIONS

Organized by the SAVIA Association, Nativa, the Foundation for the Conservation of the Chiquitano Forest, and DICOPAN, this workshop represented a decisive step in strengthening those who stand on the front lines of environmental protection. The final session, designed to continue building capacities, marked another milestone on the path toward more sustainable and responsible management of Bolivia's invaluable natural wealth.

# MEMORIAL SUBMITTED TO THE OMBUDSMAN REGARDING SUPREME DECREE NO. 5390

OCTOBER 2025



## DEFENDING ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS: LEGAL ACTION AGAINST SUPREME DECREE NO. 5390

In October 2025, SAVIA, in collaboration with ACGAPCHCHA, submitted a memorial to the Ombudsman requesting the filing of an Abstract Action of Unconstitutionality against Supreme Decree No. 5390. According to the analysis carried out by environmental defense organizations, this decree violates constitutional principles and international treaties related to territorial conservation and environmental protection.

## A LEGAL ACTION TO PROTECT MOTHER EARTH

Supreme Decree No. 5390 has enabled the flexibilization of environmental regulations, facilitating land-use changes in protected areas and forest reserves, thereby putting Bolivia's natural heritage at risk. This legal process seeks the suspension of administrative acts that favor such changes, aiming to preserve Forest Reserves and prevent deforestation and the encroachment of protected territories.

# CONNECTING FORMAL EDUCATION WITH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT

OCTOBER 2025



## STRENGTHENING EDUCATION WITH A SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL APPROACH: INTER-INSTITUTIONAL COLLABORATION FOR SAN JOSÉ DE CHIQUITOS

In September 2025, SAVIA, in collaboration with the Santa Cruz la Vieja UCPN, FCBC, PRODECO, and the Bolivian Catholic University, began a key assessment process to integrate a socio-environmental approach into the regular education system of the Municipality of San José de Chiquitos.

This assessment, designed collaboratively and through inter-institutional coordination, aims to gather key information on the needs and challenges faced by the educational process in the municipality, in order to promote the implementation of an environmental approach in schools.

## A PARTICIPATORY PROCESS FOR REFLECTION AND DECISION-MAKING

The assessment model was designed as a practical tool for reflection, in-

volving school principals, teachers, and key local stakeholders in the collection of primary and secondary information.

Through this collaboration, the initiative seeks to develop concrete proposals to strengthen education from a cultural, ecological, and institutional perspective adapted to the reality of the municipality.

## ASSESSMENT AREAS: A COMPREHENSIVE VISION

The assessment is structured around four main areas addressing the sociocultural, ecological, organizational, and institutional realities of educational units.

These areas will help identify the necessary conditions for implementing a socio-environmental approach, explore strategies to integrate local and traditional practices into the school curriculum, and evaluate the organizational capacity of schools to promote educational actions for environmental conservation.



## ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES

### GENERAL OBJECTIVE:

- To identify the conditions and strategies needed to incorporate a socio-environmental approach into educational units, adapted to the cultural, ecological, and institutional reality of San José de Chiquitos.

### OBJETIVO ESPECÍFICOS:

- To analyze the sociocultural reality of the educational environment, recovering traditions, values, and local practices that can be integrated into the teaching process through a socio-environmental approach.
- To recognize the ecological context of the municipality by identifying natural resources, local ecosystems, and environmental challenges that can be addressed through the school curriculum.
- To evaluate the organizational and institutional structure of educational units, as well as existing or potential partnerships with other entities, in order to strengthen environmental and community-based projects. To explore practical ways to incorporate environmental care actions into school activities, promoting the participation of students and the community in initiatives linked to the management plans of local protected areas.



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# SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO THE SAVIA ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER 2025

## RECOGNITION OF A COMMITMENT TO CONSERVATION

On November 8, 2025, within the framework of the celebration of Bolivian Park Ranger National Day and the 25th anniversary of the creation of the Tucabaca Wildlife Reserve — Silver Jubilee, the Management Committee of the Municipal Protected Area / Tucabaca Natural Heritage Conservation Unit recognized partner institutions and organizations for their contribution to strengthening this important natural area.

## TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING

The SAVIA Association was recognized for its valuable support in the institutional strengthening of Tucabaca, particularly through technical assistance for the development of the new departmental regulatory framework. This recognition highlights SAVIA's commitment to conservation, territorial protection, and the strengthening of environmental governance in protected areas.

## COORDINATION FOR CONSERVATION

The event, held at the Urban Park Interpretation Center, included the participation of various partner institutions, including DICOPAN, the Foundation for the Conservation of the Chiquitano Forest, Fundación Amigos de la Naturaleza, Bomberos del Quebracho, and other organizations committed to the protection of natural heritage.

## A SHARED ACHIEVEMENT

This recognition reflects the joint work of institutions, park rangers, management committees, and organizations that believe in conservation as a collective responsibility. For SAVIA, this achievement reaffirms the importance of continuing to support processes that strengthen protected area management and promote sustainable actions in favor of biodiversity and local communities.





# HISTORIC MILESTONE FOR CONSERVATION IN BOLIVIA

DECEMBER 2025

## SANTA CRUZ LA VIEJA RECEIVES UNPRECEDENTED RECOGNITION

The Santa Cruz la Vieja Natural Heritage Conservation Unit achieved a historic milestone by officially receiving the Resolution issued by the Autonomous Departmental Government of Santa Cruz approving its Internal Regulations, making it the first UCPN in the country to obtain this formal recognition.

## A STEP FORWARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE

This result marks a before and after for the management of protected areas, paving the way for other management committees to consolidate their institutional framework and strengthen the protection of natural heritage within their territories. During the official ceremony, departmental and municipal authorities, along with representatives of environmental organizations, highlighted the joint work that made this achievement possible.

## JOINT WORK AND INSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENT

The dedication of the Management Committee, the support of organizations such as SAVIA, the Bolivian Catholic University, Fundación Tierra, and other partner institutions were essential to achieving this historic step. This process reflects the importance of inter-institutional coordination in strengthening participatory management of protected areas and promoting a responsible vision for the care of forests and water.

## A MODEL FOR OTHER PROTECTED AREAS

The Santa Cruz la Vieja UCPN thus reaffirms its commitment to conservation, reforestation, and the protection of water resources. This progress strengthens environmental governance, promotes citizen participation, and consolidates a responsible vision for the future of the Chiquitania.





## APPROVAL OF THE REGULATIONS OF THREE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

Within the framework of the project, specialized legal advisory support was provided to members of protected area management committees, building on the legal analysis spaces previously developed together with DICOPAN.

This support made it possible to work in a participatory manner on the development and adaptation of the Internal Regulations of the management committees of the following protected areas: Santa Cruz la Vieja in the municipality of San José de Chiquitos, Laguna Concepción in the municipality of Pailón, Valle de Tucabaca in the municipality of Roboré, and the San Rafael Municipal Protected Area in the municipality of San Rafael.

The regulations were collectively developed based on an applicable model designed from Departmental Law No. 313, incorporating technical, regulatory, and operational criteria adapted to each territorial context.

As a result of this process, the committees of Santa Cruz la Vieja, Laguna Concepción, and Valle de Tucabaca achieved the official approval of their Internal Regulations by the Government of Santa Cruz. This represents a significant step forward in their institutionalization and in the strengthening of protected area management.



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GESTIÓN 2025

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