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## PARTICIPATORY WORKSHOP TO SHARE FINDINGS AND JOINTLY DEVELOP AN INTER-ORGANISATIONAL PLAN FOR UCPN LAGUNA CONCEPCIÓN

28 FEBRUARY

Researchers from San Pablo Bolivian Catholic University, in partnership with the NGO SAVIA, shared scientific findings on the degradation of Laguna Concepción. Together with local authorities and stakeholders, they advanced an inter-institutional governance plan to address the environmental crisis affecting this Ramsar site and UCPN.

The participatory workshop presented studies conducted in Pailón and San José de Chiquitos, identifying environmental and social factors accelerating ecosystem degradation. Participants validated and enriched the findings, providing concrete input for a preliminary strategic plan.

The meeting highlighted the importance of inter-institutional co-management, free from party-political agendas, involving all sectors in safeguarding protected areas. Participants also shared progress in formalising ACGAP and successful experiences such as FSC certification in UCPN Valle Tucabaca.

The event reaffirmed that conservation means managing land sustainably, rather than freezing its use, by combining scientific and technical knowledge, local participation and a deep sense of belonging.










# PARTICIPATORY ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND INSTITUTIONAL TECHNICAL CAPACITY BUILDING IN UCPN TUCABACA

**1-6 MARCH**

SAVIA Association successfully carried out participatory environmental monitoring and institutional technical capacity building in UCPN Tucabaca, in coordination with DICOPAN, Santa Cruz Autonomous Departmental Government and local stakeholders involved in managing the protected area.

Technical fieldwork strengthened wildlife monitoring through the installation of eight camera-trap monitoring stations at strategic sites in the protected area. This process included identifying priority locations, setting up equipment, conducting technical checks in the field and building local staff capacity to use environmental monitoring tools.



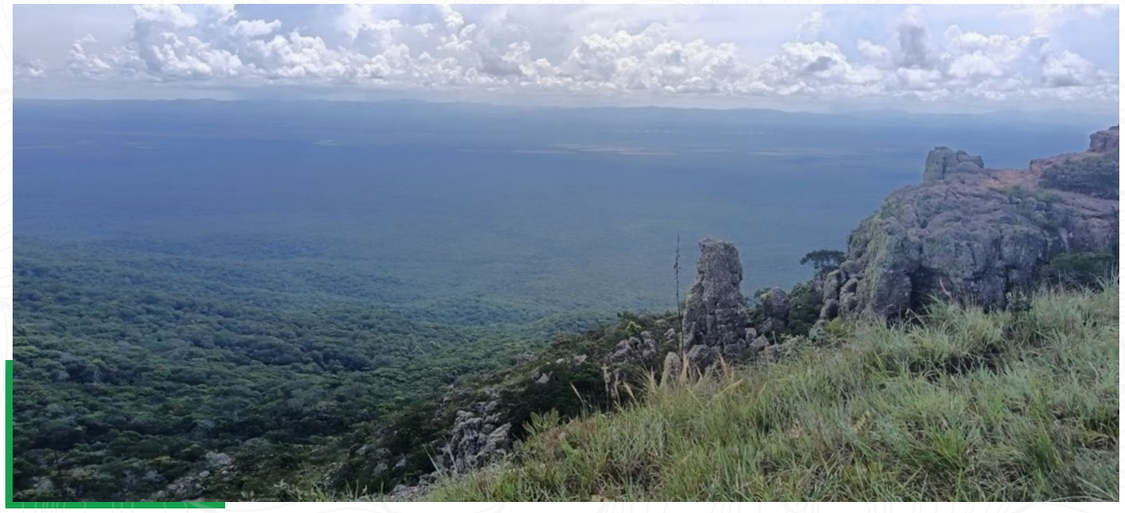












A particularly participatory meeting was also held with Tucabaca Management Committee. Its representatives showed strong involvement and keen interest in learning about the findings from the monitoring undertaken.




This activity strengthened institutional coordination, local stakeholder commitment and the production of verifiable technical evidence, directly supporting certification and sustainable management of the protected area. SAVIA continues to work with its partners to consolidate conservation, monitoring and local capacity-building efforts.

# ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND CAMERA-TRAP TRAINING FOR YOUNG ENVIRONMENTAL PROMOTERS IN SANTIAGO DE CHIQUITOS

5 MARCH

On 5 March 2026, a workshop for Young Environmental Promoters from Santiago de Chiquitos was held at Tucabaca Operations Centre, with participation from SAVIA, DICOPAN and UCPN Tucabaca Ranger Corps.

The workshop addressed **the importance of environmental monitoring, focusing on the technical use of camera traps to record wildlife and generate information for protected-area management.** It also introduced the Tucabaca certification process, highlighting the need for technical information, local participation and stronger capabilities.

Participants learned basic camera-trap installation criteria, identified equipment components, practised programming the devices and completed practical field installation exercises. The activity strengthened their knowledge and encouraged their active involvement in monitoring and conservation efforts in Tucabaca.










*Conservation means protecting life, strengthening territories and building a future together.*

*Conservation grows from a shared commitment among communities, institutions and nature.*

*Caring for the land also means caring for memory, water, forests and future generations.*

*Protecting biodiversity requires knowledge, participation and collective action.*

*Where land is protected, life has a future.*

# INSTALLING CAMERA TRAPS FOR PARTICIPATORY ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING IN UCPN SANTA CRUZ LA VIEJA

**24-28 MARCH**

SAVIA Association successfully **installed camera traps for participatory environmental monitoring in UCPN Santa Cruz La Vieja**, in San José de Chiquitos, in coordination with NATIVA, DICOPAN and the UCPN Santa Cruz La Vieja team.

Technical fieldwork enabled the installation of **10 camera-trap monitoring stations at strategic sites within priority biological corridors.** The process included selecting locations, relocating some stations to accommodate terrain conditions, georeferencing, setting up equipment and checking that it functioned correctly.

The activity also strengthened the technical skills of local UCPN Santa Cruz La Vieja staff and **Young Environmental Promoters from San José de Chiquitos**, who actively learned about camera-trap operation, basic installation criteria, device programming and field data recording.















The activity included an information-sharing meeting with **Santa Cruz La Vieja Management Committee**, explaining the monitoring objectives and the importance of generating technical information for protected-area management. The meeting demonstrated local stakeholders' interest, participation and commitment.

These actions strengthened technical evidence, local capabilities and institutional coordination, contributing to the Santa Cruz La Vieja certification process. SAVIA continues working with its partners to consolidate monitoring, conservation and sustainable landscape management.









# EARTH HOUR ACTIVITIES WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PROMOTERS

28 MARCH

On 28 March, SAVIA Association and Environmental Promoters from San José de Chiquitos joined Earth Hour activities, part of a global initiative to care for the planet and conserve biodiversity.

Coordinated with FAO and UCPN Santa Cruz La Vieja, the event took place under the theme 'Earth Hour, Protected Areas Hour', reaffirming institutional and community commitment to safeguarding local landscapes and protected areas.

Activities combined awareness raising, environmental education and community engagement. They included reforestation in strategic areas, waste collection at key locations, visits to viewpoints and sites of interest, and camera-trap installation for wildlife monitoring.

The event strengthened the active participation of young environmental outreach volunteers, encouraging their commitment to conservation and biodiversity. Every action contributed to building environmental awareness and advancing the protection of our ecosystems.















# CAMERA-TRAP RETRIEVAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING DATA DOWNLOAD IN TUCABACA PROTECTED AREA

22-25 APRIL

From 22 to 25 April 2026, with support from UCPN Tucabaca, camera traps were retrieved from Tucabaca Protected Area after more than **50 days of field monitoring.**

The data recorded by the devices were downloaded, reviewed and initially organised. Practical training was also provided for protected-area staff, focusing on managing, downloading and organising camera-trap records.

This activity strengthened participatory environmental monitoring and generated technical information relevant to biodiversity management, conservation and monitoring in Tucabaca, as part of ongoing coordinated efforts to improve management of the protected area.










# MEETING WITH TIGO

4 APRIL



On 6 April 2026, the board of Santa Cruz la Vieja Conservation and Natural Heritage Unit (UCPN) Management Committee, with technical support from SAVIA, held a strategic meeting with Directorate for Natural Heritage Conservation (DICOPAN) at Environmental Studies Centre (CEA).

The meeting focused on reviewing the letter of intent for a land concession in the protected area's core zone, where a telecommunications company currently operates.

Telecel (TIGO) expressed its intention to renew its commitment to continue providing financial compensation to UCPN SCLV. The procedure and mechanism for this agreement must be established through DICOPAN of GAD SC.

All participants agreed to expedite the commitment agreement. The SCLV board scheduled a follow-up meeting with TIGO.



# ACGAP MEETING IN SANTIAGO DE CHIQUITOS

APRIL

ACGAP brought together representatives from 10 protected areas in Santiago de Chiquitos, strengthening coordination among management committees and key conservation stakeholders.

The meeting **created a space for participatory dialogue to assess the organisation's institutional situation**, define shared priorities and advance key agreements to strengthen its structure.

Key advances included retaining the current board, preparing future leaders and outlining the Institutional Strategic Plan that will guide the organisation's work.

This process reaffirms ACGAP's commitment to participatory management, sustainability and a shared agenda to address environmental challenges across the region.

This activity grew out of the synergy between FCBC and SAVIA, bringing together financial resources, but above all...












# FEIDAM CONNECTS BIODIVERSITY, EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN CHIQUITANÍA

**11-13 JUNE 2026 · SAN JOSÉ DE CHIQUITOS**

The **third Inter-institutional Environmental Education Fair** brought institutions, communities, students and the public together in San José de Chiquitos under the theme 'For biodiversity, the climate and the future of our territory'. SAVIA took part as **co-founder and co-organiser**, continuing the initiative launched with UCPN Santa Cruz La Vieja Directorate.

Through stands, games and educational materials, the main fair explored biodiversity, protected areas, water, soil, restoration, sustainable production and climate change. A cultural evening added dance, poetry and other artistic expressions, connecting local identity with care for the environment.

Talks and working groups exchanged perspectives on conservation, regulations and institutional responsibilities. Bolivian Catholic University and its Legal Clinic contributed insights on collective rights and territorial protection. A fruit and spice session with chef Vidal, tastings and the launch of 'More Forest, More Life' linked appreciation of forests with food and local knowledge.

The programme included an eco-route through Valle de la Luna and a social gathering. DICOPAN, Municipal Government, FCBC, NATIVA, Natura, FAO, ITERS and other partners contributed to this collaboration. Three successive editions provide a foundation for strengthening FEIDAM as a platform for environmental education and regional cooperation.














# CAMERA TRAPS TO UNDERSTAND AND CONSERVE WILDLIFE IN NOEL KEMPFF MERCADO NATIONAL PARK

JULY 2026

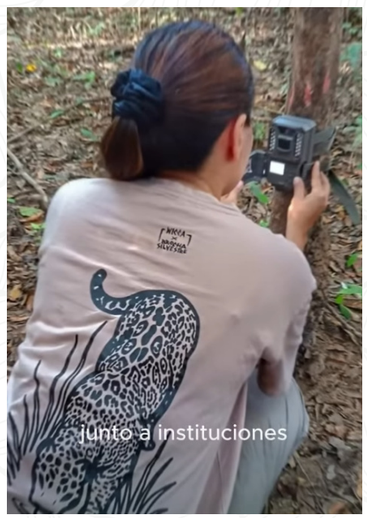
SAVIA Association, Noel Kempff Mercado National Park Ranger Corps, Noel Kempff Mercado Natural History Museum and WWF worked together to **install camera traps**, supporting **wildlife monitoring** and generating information for conservation.

This tool records the presence and activity of animals with minimal disturbance to their habitat. Each installed camera offers an opportunity to better understand the park's biodiversity and gather information to guide protection and monitoring efforts.

The work combines the protection team's local experience with the technical and scientific expertise of partner institutions. This collaboration is essential for connecting wildlife knowledge with the protected area's management needs.

Through these actions, SAVIA and its partners help strengthen monitoring as a tool to understand and safeguard the natural heritage of Noel Kempff Mercado National Park.







# YOUNG ENVIRONMENTAL PROMOTERS LINK BIODIVERSITY AND CREATIVITY FOR CONSERVATION

JULY 2026 · SAN JOSÉ DE CHIQUITOS

**Young Environmental Promoters** joined a training event in San José de Chiquitos to deepen their knowledge of the Chiquitano landscape, its biodiversity and environmental monitoring. The initiative was jointly led by Foundation for the Conservation of the Chiquitano Forest, SAVIA, DICOPAN–UCPN Santa Cruz La Vieja and San José de Chiquitos Autonomous Municipal Government.

During the training, participants learned about camera-trap wildlife monitoring results and exchanged experiences with park rangers from Kaa Iya National Park. This connected biodiversity records with day-to-day protection work and showed how field information helps guide conservation.

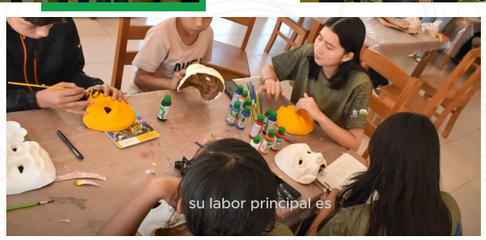
The young participants transformed what they had learned into **masks, puppets and monologues**, exploring creative ways to communicate the importance of wildlife and environmental stewardship. Making these resources connected technical learning with artistic tools they can use for awareness-raising activities in their communities.

The event included a visit to San José de Chiquitos Mission Museum, bringing cultural heritage into the learning experience. At the closing session, participants presented their monologues and educational materials to local authorities and institutions.

The experience recognised young people as interpreters and communicators of their local environment. By connecting monitoring data, park rangers' knowledge and creativity, the event provided tools to share learning and promote community care for natural and cultural heritage.





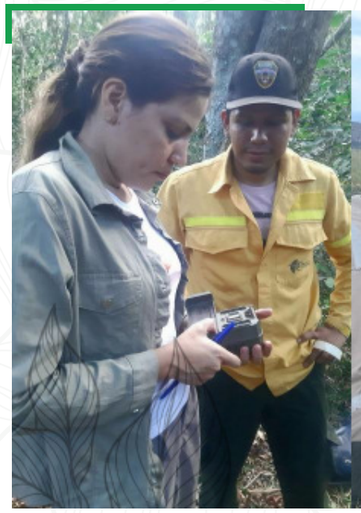


# A NEW DRY-SEASON MONITORING CAMPAIGN IN TUCABACA

AUGUST-OCTOBER 2026 · UCPN TUCABACA, ROBORÉ

SAVIA, DICOPAN, UCPN Tucabaca staff and NATIVA carried out a new participatory wildlife monitoring campaign during the 2026 dry season. Technical and logistical cooperation enabled the installation of **nine stations with seventeen camera traps** from **25 to 28 August**, expanding the information available for protected-area management.

Site selection incorporated new locations with signs of wildlife and areas being monitored for recovery after fires. The layout was also adjusted to reduce equipment exposure to visitor traffic. Stations remained in place throughout sampling, and no technical failures were reported.



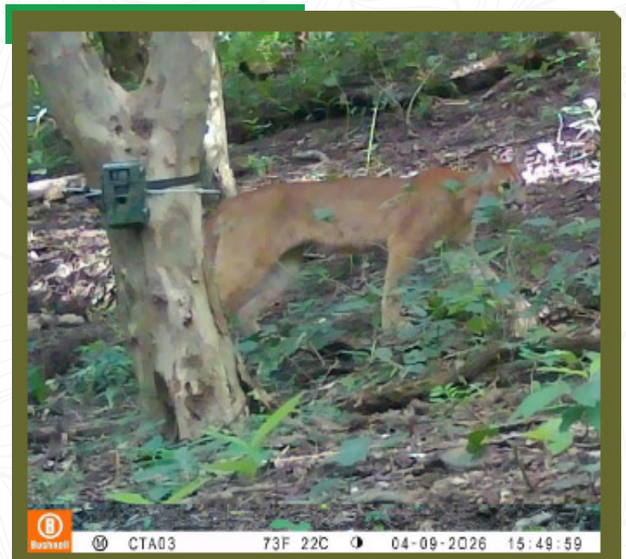




Scheduled retrieval took place from **6 to 8 October**. Two cameras that had been removed from one station were later returned, allowing all equipment and records to be recovered. SAVIA organised the digital files by station and camera, while DICOPAN undertook species identification and data compilation in a format compatible with HARPIA.

The campaign added new records for continued biodiversity monitoring and provided practice in equipment and data management procedures. This joint effort offers a basis for planning future work at priority sites, according to available resources and partnership commitments.

## WILDLIFE RECORDS




**Puma** *(Puma concolor)*




**Taitetú** *(Dicotyles tajacu)*



**Melero** *(Eira Barbara)*

# YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOP PROPOSALS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND CLIMATE ACTION

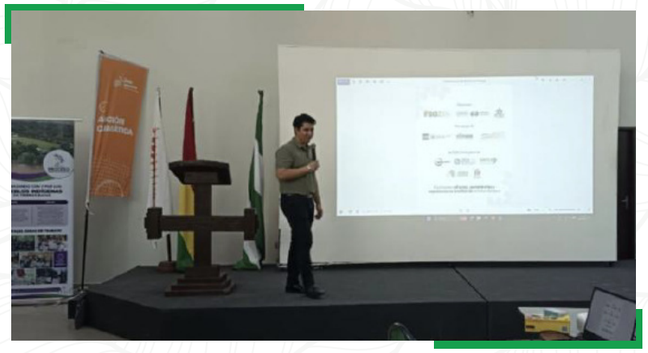
SEPTEMBER 2026 · ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE

SAVIA supported the **Third Departmental Youth Climate Meeting** by facilitating two participatory sessions to develop environmental education proposals. Urban, rural and Indigenous young people shared experiences and priorities concerning water, forests and protected areas.

In the first session, **eleven working groups** identified problems including drought, wildfires, water pollution and biodiversity loss. They also recognised barriers to participation, such as distance, transport costs, connectivity, language and limited recognition of their views.

The second session, facilitated by SAVIA's Bruno Domínguez, gathered proposals for content, methods and responsibilities. Participants suggested school gardens and nurseries, theatre, fairs, clean-up days and protected-area visits, with a practical, intercultural approach incorporating Indigenous knowledge and languages.

The exchange drew on experiences from DICOPAN, UCPN Santa Cruz La Vieja, World Vision, CIPCA and local delegations, plus a WWF demonstration of digital biodiversity monitoring tools. Contributions will inform an educational proposal and discussion of a youth climate action agenda. Further development requires validation and coordination with educational institutions and local organisations.






# LAGUNA CONCEPCIÓN IDENTIFIES PRIORITIES WITH ITS NEW BOARD

SEPTEMBER 2026

In coordination with DICOPAN and the association of management committees, a working session was held in Laguna Concepción to introduce the **new board** and address protected-area management needs. It combined training, discussion of priorities and review of guidance for the committee's work.

Training covered committee roles and responsibilities, alongside operational and administrative guidelines. Participants discussed elements of ACGAP's Institutional Strategic Plan and contributed to its development, while also receiving guidance on sustainable tourism and certification.

Working groups identified **seven priorities**: legal advice; better understanding of the protected area's scope; participation by municipalities, Indigenous peoples and productive sectors; a participatory Management Plan update; tourism compatible with conservation; stronger ACGAP capacity; and improved park ranger staffing and equipment.

The session clarified the new board's needs and organised areas of support. These priorities provide a basis for coordinating action with the relevant institutions and strengthening local stakeholder participation in conserving Laguna Concepción.









# ACGAP'S NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY BRINGS TOGETHER PRIORITIES FOR TERRITORIAL MANAGEMENT

29-30 SEPTEMBER 2026 · SAN JOSÉ DE CHIQUITOS

**ACGAP's ninth General Assembly** brought together management committees, authorities, Indigenous organisations and partners to share experiences and develop responses to protected-area challenges. SAVIA supported the event alongside UCB, FCBC and GIZ, with support from San José de Chiquitos Municipal Government and participation from SERNAP, DICOPAN and DIRENA.

The first day addressed committee responsibilities, institutional recognition and a proposed governance self-assessment. Working groups contributed to reviewing the **Institutional Plan in four areas**: capabilities and technical advice, standards and good practices, institutional coordination, and information and knowledge.

Fire prevention discussions connected SATIF alerts with community preparedness and COEM coordination. Participants also shared Tucabaca certification experiences, organisational progress at Central Turubó and the work of environmental outreach volunteers. Demonstrations of Water Guardians and the Backfire card game offered resources for water stewardship and fire prevention.

The minutes record actions on legal status, approval of regulations, governance indicators and certification coordination. They include requests to support San Rafael before INRA, communities along the San Lorenzo River and land-titling efforts in Kaa Iya, plus concerns about a road alignment potentially affecting Ñembi Guasu and Kaa Iya. Proposals included renewing a request for a meeting with the Governor and asking ANH for a minimum emergency reserve of **2,000 litres of fuel**. These priorities require institutional follow-up.













# LEARNING ON THE GROUND ABOUT PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION

### 30 SEPTEMBER 2026 · VISIT TO HACIENDA VERDE

On the second day of ACGAP's General Assembly, discussions moved to **Hacienda Verde**, where participants spoke with the Kehler family about production experiences and their relationship with conservation. The visit connected institutional reflections with everyday decisions about natural resource use.

One session focused on **dairy and cheese production**. This opened a conversation about family knowledge, the identity of local products and the importance of protecting the water and resources that sustain these activities.

The visit also explored **silvopastoral livestock practices**, focusing on pasture rotation and maintaining trees and vegetation cover. Committee representatives reflected on soil stewardship, water availability and the conditions needed to sustain production over time.

The visit complemented the assembly by exploring experiences and questions around economic initiatives compatible with conservation. The lessons offer guidance for future dialogue among producers, communities and committees, considering the characteristics and needs of each territory.












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