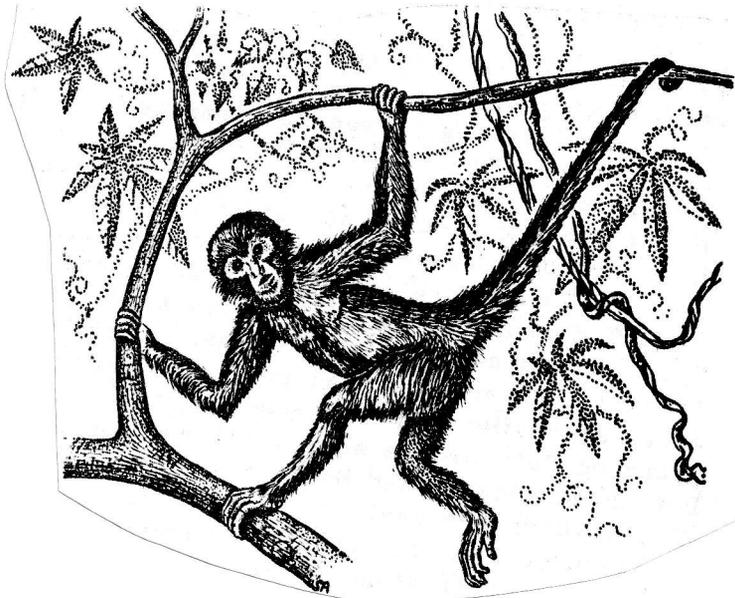


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TAMBOPATA - CANDAMO RESERVED ZONE (TCRZ)

The 'Reserved Zone' designation signifies that no new developments will be permitted in the area until further notice. The studies that will be carried out over the next few years will, hopefully, ensure that it receives a stronger protected status. The Pacaya-Samiri National Park, near Iquitos, only achieved its current status after nearly 30 years as a Reserved Zone.

TReeS has been specifically invited by the Directorate of Flora and Fauna (DGFF) to participate in the on-going activities associated with the TCRZ. At the end of May TReeS organised the latest meeting of the groups involved in the re-designated area, in Puerto Maldonado. The indications so far are that the plans will be strongly orientated towards the well-being and future of the native communities within the area and that this will be achieved by prescribing various 'zones', ie. a National Park, Nature Reserve, Communal Reserve, Extractive Reserve, etc. However, the native lands of the communities of Sonene (86 people) and Palma Real (184), on the R.Madre de Dios/R.Heath, were included within the TCRZ without prior consultation, while the lands of Infierno (285) were not included. The recommendation of the Federation of Native Communities of Madre de Dios (FENAMAD) is that the lands of all native communities should be excluded at this stage. A matter of immediate concern to the communities is whether the Ministry of Agriculture will renew agriculture and forestry permits and certificates of settlement, for areas outside their native lands. Native land rights take precedent over all other activities and are held by all three communities. The role of eco-tourism, which was strongly promoted in the draft plans for the Reserved Zone, are being given less prominence because the benefits for local people are usually not great. However, Manu Nature Tours has now completed the construction of a new Lodge at Tres Chimbadas, a little further up the R.Tambopata from the original Reserved Zone.

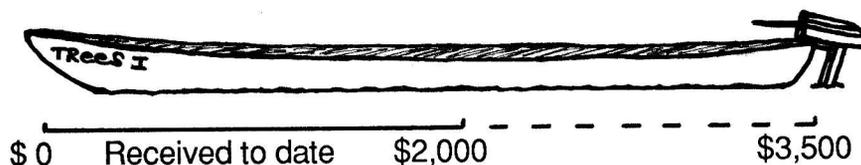
The data collection and analysis department of the Ministry of Agriculture (CDC) is organising the compilation of information on soils, natural resources, vegetation type and current land use. The Directorate of the National Parks will appoint a general co-ordinator for the project, in the near future.

*** FUNDING APPEAL ***

Over the last year TReeS has sent or given out, over 1,000 TReeS leaflets to members, often in conjunction with Newsletters. The vast majority of these are yet to produce new members and therefore, we would request all members who still have some TReeS leaflets in their possession to pass them on to friends and encourage them to join TReeS.

During May the current UK and European membership passed the 300 mark for the first time and there are also additional members in N.America. The 300th member was P.Bickford of Woking, Surrey, a future RN at Tambopata and a pack of TReeS Newsletter back numbers was sent to him to mark the occasion.

Funds are particularly sought at present for the purchase of a boat and motor for use by the Scientific Co-ordinator and Biologist, so that they can have greater access to the newly designated Reserved Zone. Some funds have already been received as a result of the Funding Appeal in the last Newsletter but a considerable sum is still required:



DECLARATION REGARDING THE TAMBOPATA - CANDAMO RESERVED ZONE

The following is a translation of a document prepared by the various groups and organisations involved in the redesignation, it expresses their views and ideas with respect to the redesignation of the area and its future.

"On the 20th of January, an area of 1,478,942.45 hectares was declared to be the Reserved Zone of Tambopata - Candamo. This area is situated in territory which the people of the area recognise as an ecological patrimony of humanity.

Conscious of the primordial role of this area, we declare that:

1. The human being is the most important subject in our environment. Consequently, it is a conservation priority to raise the standard of living of the inhabitants by helping man and nature to live together in a balanced way. So the improving of living conditions for the people and the good use of the earth, rivers, lakes, animals and forests are prerequisites for the achievement of harmonious and lasting developments.

2. The declaration of a Reserve is the first step towards inviting the inhabitants to work together for the ordering and planning of the area, and this will only be possible with their participation and effort.

3. Low agricultural productivity, massive destruction of the forests and contamination of the waters are among the problems which make poverty more acute. To remedy this situation it is necessary to:

- get to know the problems and needs of the inhabitants through their own voice and that of their representative organisations.

- seek the best possible use of the land and forests.

- give technical support to the inhabitants, agriculturalists, users of the forest, etc.

4. Tambopata-Candamo possesses great natural and human wealth, and this was the reason why it was declared a Reserved Zone; this status is provisional while the population, their representative organisations and the state prepare development proposals. The ordering of the Reserved Zone will allow us to legalise, support and improve the use of agricultural land and forest areas, zones for the management of Brazil-nut trees and other forest products, zones for tourism and other options which will help to raise the standard of living of the inhabitants.

We call on agricultural producers, native communities, businessmen, the population in general and their representative organisations, together with the local and regional authorities, to evaluate these principles, prepare an integral plan and join in the effort to carry it out.

We re-affirm that Tambopata-Candamo is an opportunity to work together and to respect the life of the local inhabitants".

Tambopata-Candamo Meeting, Puerto Maldonado, 30th May 1990.

- Directorate of National Parks (DPN).
- Departmental Agrarian Federation of Madre de Dios (Ministry of Agriculture).
- Native Federation of Madre de Dios (FENAMAD).
- Association of Forestry Extractors of Madre de Dios.
- AMETRA 2001.
- Eori Centre for Anthropological Research.
- Tambopata Reserve Society (TReeS).
- Association for the Conservation of the Southern Rainforests (ACSS).
- Conservation Data Centre (CDC).
- Peruvian Society for Environmental Law.

SCIENTIFIC CO-ORDINATOR and BIOLOGIST

At the end of April Pedro Quillatupa, a former forestry engineer in Manu National Park, was appointed to the post of Scientific Co-ordinator based at the Explorers Inn. His duties fall into two main areas: advising RN's and the co-ordination of their work; liaising with other groups and local communities with respect to the re-designation of the Reserved Zone and research and survey work within the newly designated area.

A Biologist on a part-time basis, was also appointed at the start of June. Isabel Bohorquez, a former Peruvian RN, will co-ordinate matters in Lima for TReeS and make quarterly visits to Tambopata. Her activities will include assisting RN's on their arrival in Lima, obtaining specimen permits, undertaking research and liaising with other groups and the Ministry of Agriculture over research matters and the re-designation.

RESIDENT NATURALIST NEWS

Weather conditions in the area remain unstable and the reasons for this the subject of much speculation. April is usually the end of the rainy season but in early May it was very wet, with 58mm falling on May 4th alone. However, in the second half of May there was hardly any rain and the night-time temperature twice fell as low as 12C.

Recent close-up sightings include various types of monkey in large numbers, a 3-toed sloth, a pair of blue-crowned trogons, a black caiman (4m long) at L.Cocacocha, Giant River Otters on Cocacocha and Katicocha, a Fer de Lance, a Grison (like a Badger), a pale-winged Trumpeter with chicks and an orphaned Margay. Chon-chon the pet Collared Peccary at the Lodge has had a piglet (?).

The current RN's and their studies are as follows:

P.Curry - collecting lichens at different levels in the forest: ground to canopy.

M.Butt - investigating the freshwater ecology of the Cochas (lakes).

C.Galvez - investigating palm dispersal by diurnal mammals, particularly Brown Capuchins.

G.Ziesler - photographing wildlife for a book on Amazonia.

A.Hofer - compiling a mammal guide to the Reserve, with photos.

J-M.Leger - compiling a guide to the birds commonly seen at L.Chica.

J.Proctor/I.Powell - surveying animal communities in freshwater habitats and preparing a guide to the umm Hummingbirds of the Reserve.

PERUVIAN ELECTIONS - FUJIMORI ELECTED

On July 28th Pres.Fujimori of Change 90, a group consisting mainly of evangelicalists and small businessmen, will succeed Alan Garcia as President of Peru. In the final round of voting Fujimori picked up most of the votes of the APRA and left-wing party supporters, and also did well in the central Andes - the stronghold of Sendero Luminoso. Disruption by Sendero was less serious than expected following the capture of a number of their bases and top personnel in Lima. Fujimori has yet to give details of his economic policies but he is unlikely to adopt an unrestricted free-market approach, with wholesale privatisation. He has made overtures towards the Catholic church, to balance his religious connections and also to Japan. However, Japan has indicated that it's foreign policy is not influenced by the ancestral claims of foreign leaders.

MEDICINAL PLANT FEATURE - LA GUAYABA: an important medicinal fruit. Family: Mirtaceas. Species: Psidium Guayaba.

La Guayaba is a medium-sized fruit resembling a melon, which originated in the Amazon and is now grown in sub-tropical and tropical regions. It is richer in absorbic acid and Vitamin C than most varieties of orange and is important to indigenous people both as a foodstuff and for medicinal reasons. It grows well in poor soil and fruits after only 2 or 3 years. It is the most effective known cure for dysentery and diarrhoea and because of it's anti-bacterial properties it is also used for conjunctivitis and to clean and heal wounds.

To Cure Dysentery - Cook the whole fruit until a concentrate forms.

Dosage - Adults: 1 Spoonful, 2 or 3 times per day.

- Children: 1/2 Spoonfuls, 2 or 3 times per day.

The work of TReeS/AMETRA 2001 is endorsed/supported by the ICBP UK, OXFAM, the Body Shop International PLC, several FoE groups and schools, and various small trusts and charities.

TReeS USA - CHANGEOVER

The handling of membership matters and enquiries in the USA is now in the hands of two former Resident Naturalists (early 1990): Mike and Amity Doolittle, 32 Army Road, Falls Village, CT 06031, USA.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS - ANGLO-LATIN AMERICAN FIESTA

8th SEPTEMBER - Anglo-Latin American Fiesta of Music, Dance, Art and Artesania.

3pm - Midnight . Battersea Park. TReeS hopes to be represented on a stand.

It is an all ticket event (£6) ; tickets are available in advance from:

ALAF, 118 Eaton Square, London SW1W 9AF (071.235.1666)

AMETRA 2001 T-SHIRTS and TReeS POSTCARDS

T-shirts : Small or Medium - £5.50 each, or 3 for £15.

Large or Extra Large - £6.50, or 3 for £18.

Postcards: Tree-frog and Tapir - 10 for £2 60 for £10 100 for £16

Prices include postage, available from - J.Forrest, 64 Belsize Park, London NW3 4EH

T-shirts and/or Postcards are available from a number of outlets around the country including The Ecology Centre and Books for a Change in London and Kilverstone Latin American Wildlife Park in Norfolk. We encourage all TReeS members to investigate new potential outlets. Slightly lower prices than those stated above can be offered for orders of 5+ T-shirts. Please advise full details of their interest to J.Forrest.

TRANSLATORS OF DOCUMENTS FROM PERU

TReeS is likely to receive an ever increasing number of documents requiring translation, in particular from Spanish into English. Our current translator - Arnold Pease - has been doing a superb job, particularly over recent months following the redesignation. However, we require a couple more people to assist when the volume is substantial and when there are several urgent documents to be attended to. If you can help, please contact J.Forrest.

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