



GEF-Satoyama Subgrantee Highlights Report

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<Highlight 1>: REFORESTATION IN THE PRIVATE RESERVES OF THE CORDILLERA EL BÁLSAMO.

Reforestation was carried out in the Cordillera El Bálsamo, which has a dual purpose: to recover forest biodiversity and plant food for the Capuchin monkey (*Cebus macrocephalus*); what is relevant in this process of reforestation is that more reserves were incorporated to the care and protection of the capuchin monkey, among them the Reserva Mesita Punta Colorada, Reserva Mono Capuchino, Bosque Verde, Peñón del Sol, La Gorda. There were planted 1402 plants among which we can highlight Guayacán (*Tabebuia chrysantha*), Seca carob tree (*Prosopis juliflora*) Guabas (*Inga edulis*) Pechiche (*Vitex gigantea*) and Ovo (*Spondias purpurea*).

It should be noted that winter arrived late to the Ecuadorian coast, the first rains were presented in the second week of February and apparently a short winter will be expected, meaning that watering the plants will be made manually by the owners of the reserves at the end of May due to the weather conditions.

<Highlight 2>: PROMOTION AND TOURIST DEVELOPMENT IN THE ESTUARIES OF THE RIVERS CHONE AND PORTOVIEJO.

In this quarter, it has coordinated with the Manabí Autonomous Decentralized Government (GAD Manabí) to produce four promotional videos of the working areas, the videos refer to the gastronomic wealth and the existing ecological trails in the two areas.

In addition to the making of the videos, within the scheme of the Television Program held by GAD Manabí Buenas Noticias, they have been shown on several occasions and on several local channels, such as: Manavisión, Oro Mar, Televisión Manabita. The videos have served to carry out promotional campaigns through social networks that have had a good number of followers, this increased tourism especially in the communities of San Jacinto and Las Gilces.

Work is being done on the definition of tourist routes in the estuary of the Portoviejo river, whereby two trips have been made: with a private tour operator called "Hola Aventura" and with the GAD Manabí with the Directorate of Tourism. We work with the communities to improve both, the infrastructure and the security in the previously identified routes; as well as, the training needs in order to improve the tourism offer at all levels, it is therefore necessary the relationship with the GAD Manabí especially in the improvement of infrastructure (docks, accesses, signage), this will allow communities to improve their negotiation capacity in front of the tour operator.

Highlight 3>: BIOCORRIDERS WORK TABLES: PORTOVIEJO RIVER ESTUARY, CHONE RIVER ESTUARY, LA SEGUA CORDILLERA EL BALSAMO.

The Working Group on Biocorridors was developed with the objective of sharing the progress of the Biocorredores, the objective of the working groups was to present the progress of the PPD and SATOYAMA Project and to generate greater articulation between the different social actors to generate greater joints in favor of landscapes and sustainable productive activities.

In general, the work tables had the same agenda and basically there were three aspects:

1. Presentation of the progress of the work considering three approaches: the ecological connectivity, where the reforestation work is highlighted, the productive ecological landscapes, in which the ecological orchards of the families stand out, the repopulation with blue crab and the experiences that are advanced in relation to the Black Ark (*Anadara tuberculosa* and *Anadara similis*), the activities linked to tourism and gastronomic festivals as a strategy to recover local tourism and the associativity linked to the new institutional alliances, it is highlighted the work with the GAD of Manabí and with the academy, especially the Technical University of Manabí (UTM).
2. An exhibition of products was made for the participants.
3. Conservation values are identified and agreements are established with the other actors to coordinate efforts to achieve the development and conservation of the intervention areas.

<Highlight 4>: COORDINATION WITH THE UNIVERSITIES FOR THE GENERATION OF KNOWLEDGE IN THE PRODUCTION OF CHAME (*Dormitator latifrons*) IN RICE CROPS.

Agreements have been signed to have the accompaniment of the Technical University of Manabí (UTM) in the production of chame in the rice crops of the community of Las Gilces. After the first experience that contributed some important elements for the raising of the chame (*Dormitator latifrons*) in the rice fields; However, it is necessary to deepen more in the ecology of the chame and in the economic aspects of its upbringing linked to the production of rice.

The university will contribute with students who are doing their thesis and the respective tutorial by a professor / researcher who will record some important indicators in the raising of the chame, the farmers will put two plots of rice for experience and FIDES will contribute with US \$ 1300 to support to the thesis students in the development of their thesis work; as well as facilitating the relationship with the community.

This experience also extends to other issues in the estuary of the Chone River, such as the production of shells in captivity.

Photos



Photo 1: Training in personal gastronomy that makes community tourism in the community of Las Gilces, Portoviejo River Estuary. © FIDES



Photo 2 and 3: Exchange of experience in mangrove nursery in the province of Guayas, with the participation of a Chone River Estuary delegation, with the objective of improving mangrove reforestation.

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Lugar: Centro de Servicio Pesquero, San Vicente

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Fecha: 21 de marzo 2018
Hora: 9:30 am
Lugar: Unidad Educativa Charapotó

Photo 4 and 5: Invitation to meet different actors of the Chone River Estuary and Portoviejo River Estuary.
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Photo 6 and 7: Reforestation in Cordillera del Bálsamo. The group of youth of the Commune Las Gilces endowed vegetal material for part of the reforestation (alliance between organizations participating in the Project). © FIDES