



FCPP achieved its firsts international contributions, placing Panama as one of the Centroamerican countries with the most complete and updated information-base regarding non-human primate species. We are happy to present our third newsletter. Thank you very much for your invaluable support!

FCPP's team

Azuero Primates Project: Publications

In April 2011, the FCPP published its first international contribution in a book chapter at the Universidad Juárez Autónoma de Tabasco, México. The chapter, entitled “*Daybreak chorus and bark analysis for two species of howler monkeys (Alouatta coibensis and Alouatta palliata: Atelidae), Republic of Panama*” appears in *Perspectivas de Primatología Mexicana (Mexican Primatology Perspectives)* second section, ‘Social Behavior.’ This chapter was published together with the web of Biology and Vertebrates Conservation, Ecology Institute AC, Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico. This publication highlights the differences in frequencies, longitude wave choruses, and barks between two Panamanian species, the Azuero howler monkey and the Mantled howler monkey from Gamboa and Darien. This study is part of the results obtained due to our long term data we are collecting annually in Azuero and other zones of Panama.

This year we also published our ten year demographic evaluation of the Azuero primates entitled, *Population Size, Distribution and Conservation Status of Howler Monkeys (Alouatta coibensis trabeata) and Spider Monkeys (Ateles geoffroyi azuerensis) on the Azuero Peninsula, Panama* in the scientific journal “Primate Conservation.” This publication can be accessed free via the following link: http://www.primates-g.org/PDF/PC26_M%E9ndez-Carvajal_spider_and_howler_monkeys_FINAL.pdf

FCPP contributed to a world-renowned primate book

In May 2011, the most comprehensive book available at the Primatology level released its first electronic version. “All the World’s Primates” is a database assembled by the world’s primatologists from primate habitat countries. This is the first time that primatologists from around the globe collaborate to publish the most updated and factual categorization of biology and conservation status of the world’s primates. This database, directed by Noel Rowe and Marc Myers, contains photos and recent video material of Panamanian taxa. FCPP collaborated with seven taxa as the unique entity knowledgeable about the Primates in Panama. “All the World’s Primates” will be an accessible tool for our futures Panamanian primatologists.

Link: <http://www.alltheworldsprimates.org/Home.aspx>



We are now part of Journal of Primatology

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Congresses, Environmental Education and Research

FCPP contributed with the XV Mesoamerican Congress for Biology and Conservation in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico from October 24 to 28 of 2011. We collaborated with three research groups for the congress' abstracts magazine, referring to the advances of primatology in Panama, the study of mammals in Coiba Island, and the study of the Chiriqui's squirrel monkey. These abstracts were published in *Mesoamericana Journal* 15(2), and it can be accessed freely from the following link: <http://sociedadmesoamericana.org/mesoamericana/revista-pdf/Mesoamericana%2015%282%29.pdf>

FCPP participated in an Old and New World Primates demonstration to support the Florida Museum of Natural History in securing research funds. FCPP presented film material, which highlights our various research programs in Panama. FCPP also presented a beautiful oil painting by the Panamanian artist Rodolfo Mendez-Vargas that illustrated the Azuero howler monkey (*Alouatta coibensis trabeata*).

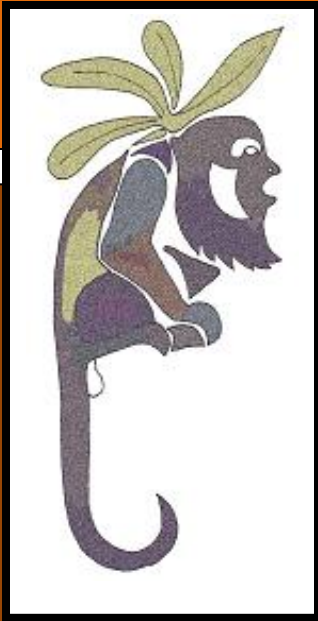


FCPP welcomed Jane Goodall in Panama

In November 2011, the famous anthropologist Jane Goodall visited Panama as a part of a Danilo Perez Foundation event. The FCPP spoke with Dr. Goodall and presented a letter of gratitude for her remarkable 50-year contribution to primate conservation.

“Watch the Monkey” volunteer program for citizens who love nature

FCPP truly values volunteers from across Panama. Most Panamanian citizens and foreign visitors living in Panama can now support the FCPP by volunteering from their home. By monitoring groups of monkeys that live wild on their properties, or inhabit field work areas, or during tours and traveling throughout remote Panamanian areas, volunteers can actively support FCPP projects. For those interested in collaboration, we normally send information about the biology of the Panamanian primates and data sheets to collect information on the monkeys sighted. Therefore, volunteers from any part of Panama can support local conservation research while also learning the conservation status of the various groups observed. FCPP had four new volunteers join this initiative during the last research period. Thank you to Joe May, Jazmin Trejo, Calixto Barrera, and Omar Araúz for participating on the study of the Panamanian monkeys! For more information please contact us at: fcprimatespanama@gmail.com, or visit our web fcprimatespanama.weebly.com



New Contributions from FCPP

“Bookmarks”



FCPP will be offering bookmarks illustrating each of the Panamanian primates and their general information as an educational tool. The first species illustrated are the most threatened in the country. We will collect funds through these activities to support more students and continue monitoring and studying primates in Panama. If you are interested please write to us at:

fcprimatespanama@gmail.com

Chiriqui's Squirrel Monkey Project Saimiri oerstedii oerstedii

Panamanian biologist Elvia Miranda of the FCPP, is developing information about distribution and population of the chiriqui's primates. Knowing their current status will help us create conservation plans, while also benefitting the communities by sharing knowledge on local primates. We have reviewed three sites and confirmed presence of squirrel monkeys, and one site with potential presence. We still need to survey 25 additional sites for the possible distribution of chiriqui's primates.



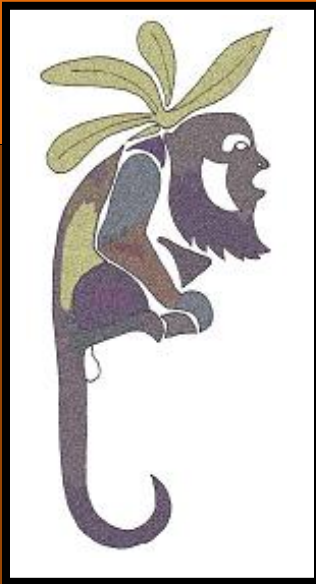
Activities with other institutions



FCPP collaborated with Oxford Brookes University for a marketing class, led by Tom Ferrel - Senior Lecturer in Marketing from the Faculty of Business. The goal was to use our organization's success in sustainably promoting and marketing monkey conservation to obtain funding. The students donated a rain storm of ideas as a result. FCPP thanks the excellent work done by all the students.

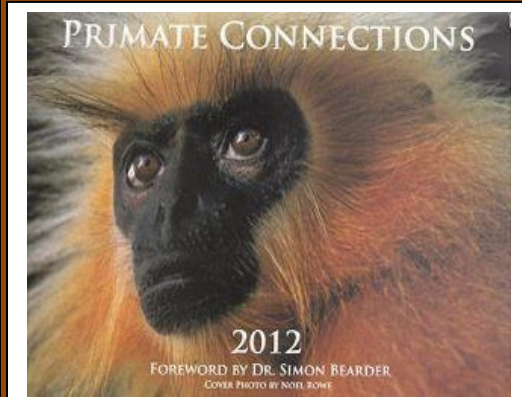
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FCPP was invited to contribute with "Primate Connections", a network of grassroots primate conservation organizations that are working together to raise awareness in order to generate actions towards the conservation of primate species throughout the world. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of this calendar goes to Oxford Brookes University's Primate Habitat Country Students who come from countries where Primates are found to study at University.

What are citizen scientists?

This is a new idea generated recently which encourages the citizens of a region or country to be give back to their society. This is achieved through collecting data from their environment and learning to value and directly protect their surrounding natural resources. BE USEFUL!!!

Thanks to our friend Corrin LaCombe we participated in this beautiful calendar for 2011. Please contact her for more information at: corriny88@hotmail.com or visit primateconnection.com to find out more!

Our videos in Youtube

This year we released our first video about the Chiriquian's squirrel monkey and our new educational video related to the living fences in Azuero Peninsula, find these videos at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SPTe00ymEv8&list=UU2JxJ5O53TJRvpk4EJoivwg&index=2&feature=plcp>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPSS578ynDY&list=UU2JxJ5O53TJRvpk4EJoivwg&index=1&feature=plcp>

Environmental Education at Limones, Chiriqui



Educational talks were offered in this period to the Preliminary School of Punta Burica, of Limones, Punta Burica, Chiriqui. We spoke to a total of 40 students. The FCPP thanks the professors and school staff for their cooperation.



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MARVIN MORALES JACINTO

The loss of our colleague and friend will not make us forget his dream of "creating a network of U.S. and Latin American scientists, government, non-governmental organizations, and local communities to foster international solidarity in protecting our planet's biodiversity" His dream will live on us, all his friends, and be contagious to others.

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We would like to thank the volunteers who have been active in our work to monitor the groups of primates from the Azuero Peninsula and Chiriqui. Special thanks to the biologist Elvia Miranda for incorporating her observations of the chiriqui's squirrel monkey population to her project of seed raining in the region of Limones. Thanks to our colleagues and reviewers Diana Marsilio, Maureen Mullen, Rocio De la Fuente, and Dylan Klempner, for this and previous reviews to our work.

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Thanks to the institutions that have been fully or partially supporting our projects, we extend our sincere appreciations for their support in the primate conservation...

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