



En Terreno

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Masked Trogon

Trogon personatus

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DIALOGS FOR GOVERNANCE

Meetings in Arauca seek to build and strengthen conservation strategies for this territory.

This represents a step further towards the declaratory of a new protected area for the country. **Representatives of Natural National Parks (Parques Nacionales Naturales), WCS and WWF, visited the municipality of Cravo Norte (Arauca).** They continued the dialogue with peasant communities located within the prioritized biogeographic zone. In total, they have **visited seven of the ten villages initially identified.**

During the meeting, the officials explained which reasons motivate them to work in this area of Colombia, which steps have been taken until now, which achievements have been made, and which proposals of joint work are expected in the future.



Based on a methodological proposal named **“Cinaruco me enamora” -I'm in love with Cinaruco-**, local participants identified the attributes of the territory they consider important, highlighting the unique ecosystems of the floodplains savannahs, the water wealth of the region, and the diversity of flora and wildlife of the region. **They acknowledged some threatens over the local biodiversity and the need to propose some actions for its conservation.**

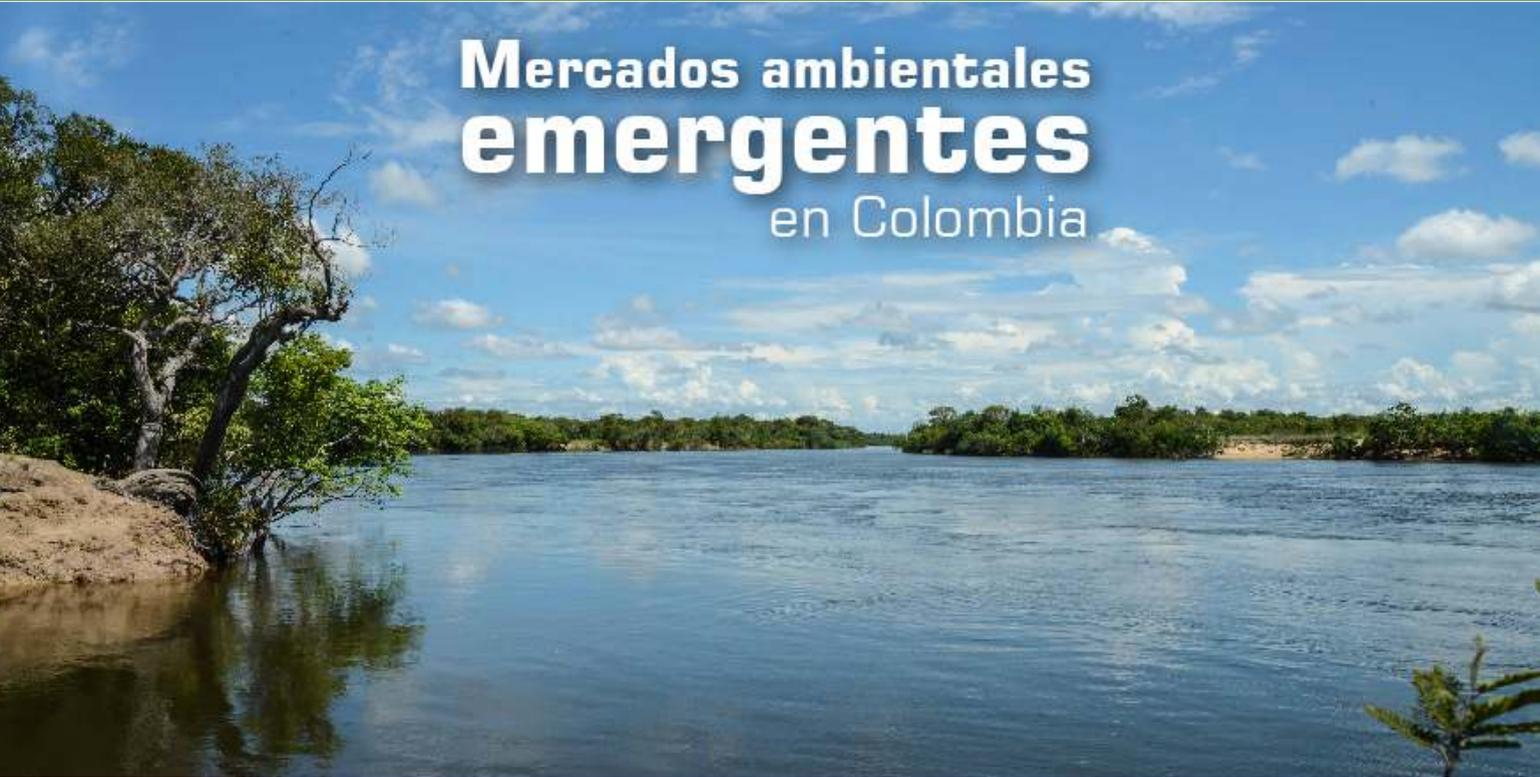


They also held an assembly with the ten towns that are part of the indigenous reservation of Caño Mochuelo. The representatives of the towns Woamonae, Yaruro, and Yamalero presented the results of the social mapping exercises they developed during the first months of the year. This exercise revealed the existence of ancestral transit routes, sacred points, as well as exchange, collection, and storage places.

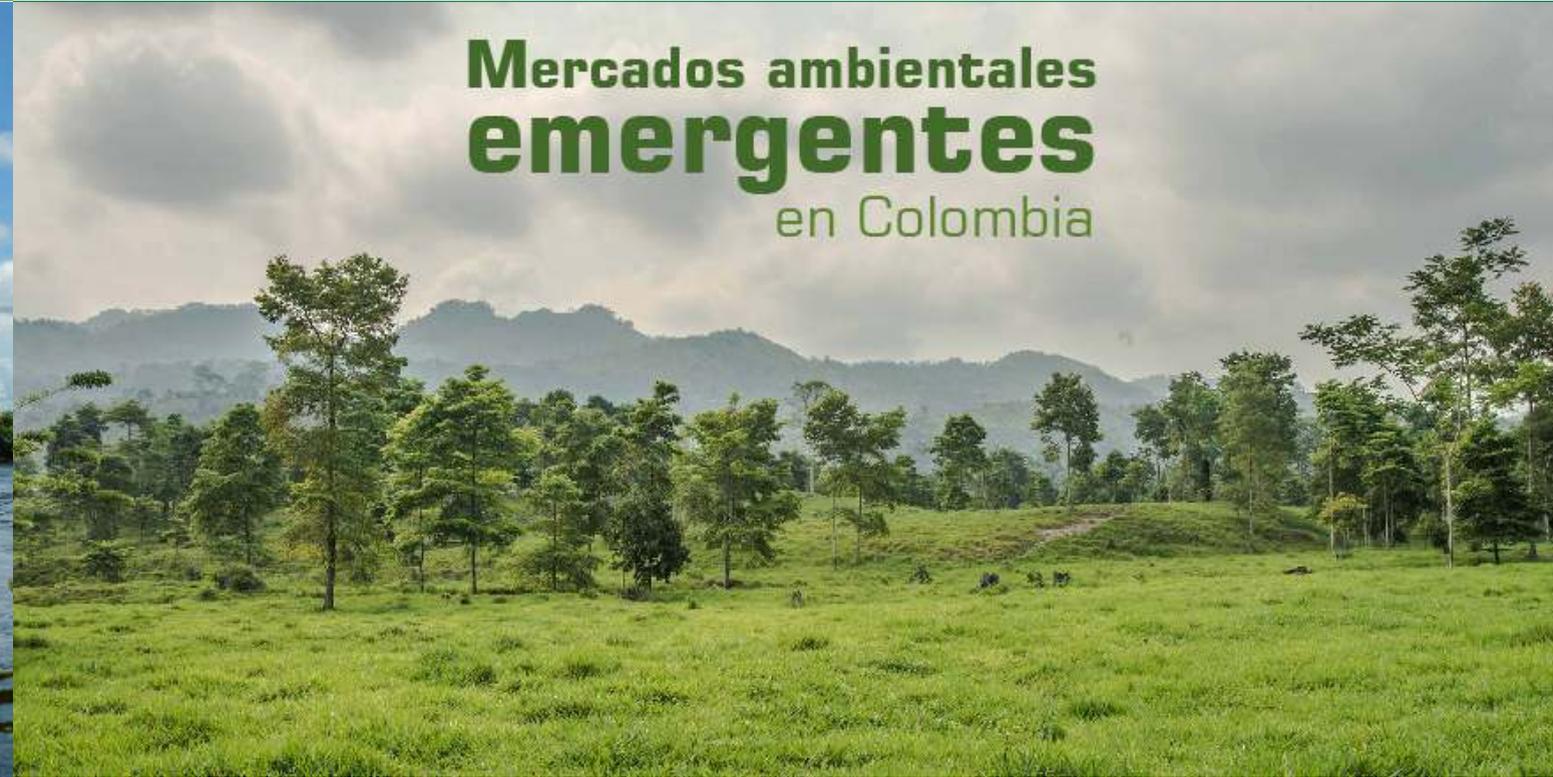
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TRAINING CENTER TO STRENGTHEN THE EMERGING ENVIRONMENTAL MARKETS IN COLOMBIA

Videos and textbooks are available for a better comprehension of the topic.

The Project “**Mercados Ambientales en Colombia**” -Environmental Markets in Colombia-made available to the public several explanatory modules about emerging environmental markets in Colombia. **The purpose of such modules is to improve the conceptual understanding of said markets with a simple and practical language**, as well as associated regulations, and the most important, the potential they have to achieve the improvement of ecosystems and eco-systemic services associated to water and biodiversity.

Photos: Fondo Acción



By now, the training center offers the following:

- Compensations for the loss of biodiversity.
- Payments on environmental services.
- Investments for the use of water from natural sources.
- Protection of Strategic Areas for the Conservation of the Water Resource.

Each of these modules includes an explanatory video, a brochure for a better understanding, a self-assessment and some links to additional material for deeper comprehension of each topic.

The training center is available at www.mercadosambientalescolombia.com and it is part of the Project “Strengthening of the legal, financial, and management structures of natural resources for mutual eco-systemic services agreements”.

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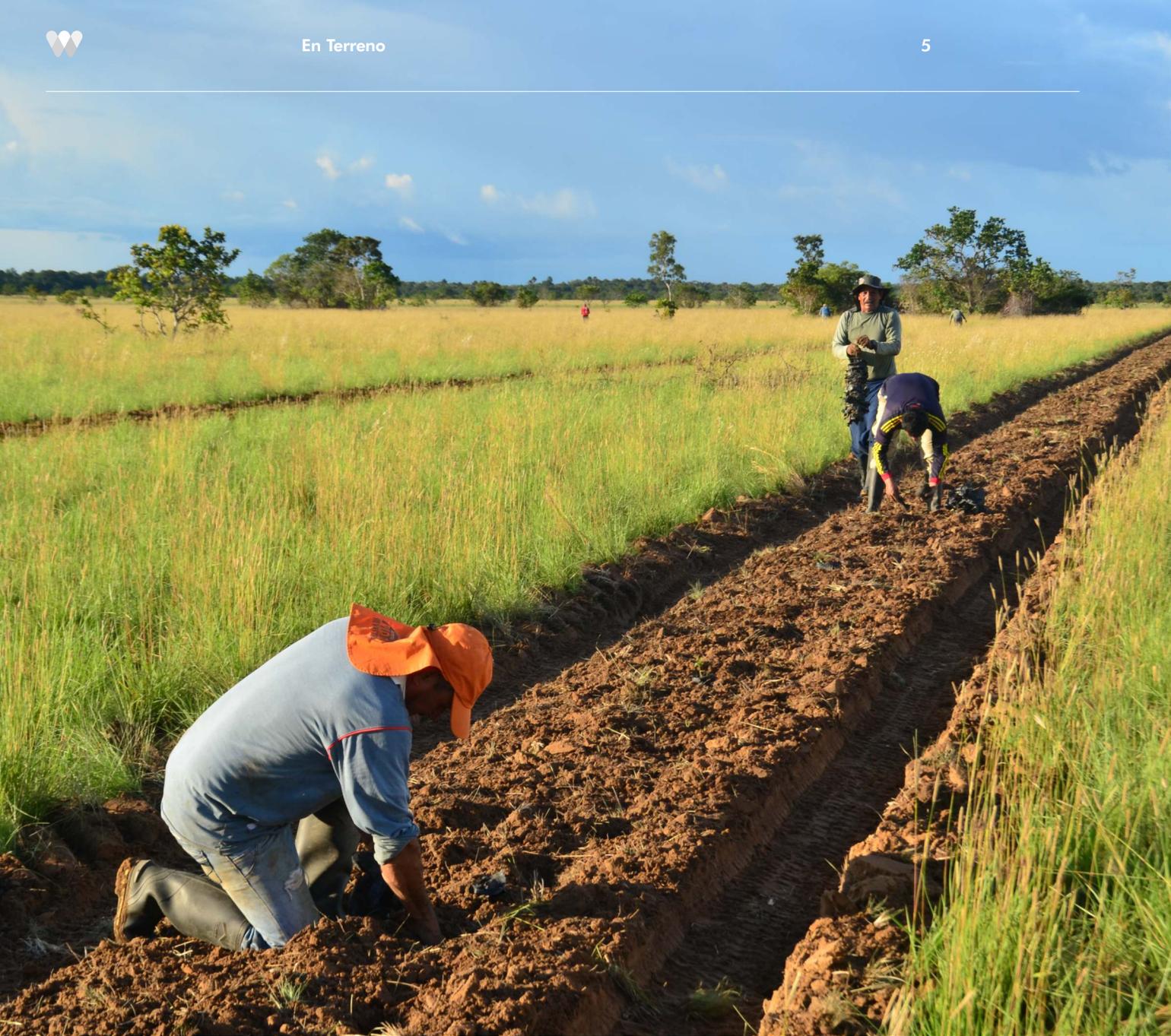


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ECOLOGICAL RECOVERY IN EL VICHADA

More than 12.400 seedling were planted in the region.

In the lands of the **Bitá river basin, municipality of Puerto Carreño (Vichada)**, their owners spread several species of native plants, highlighting **more than 6000 conger trees (*Acosmium nitens*)**, which contributes to the **restoration of other 44 hectares**. This activity is part of the work the Wildlife Project (Proyecto Vida Silvestre)* **promotes in order to preserve that species, the moriche and the tapir**.



The owners of the reserves **Anelím, Doñana, La Reina, El Desierto, El Ocarro** as well as the lands **Puerto Chigüire, La Bendición, Charco Caimán and Mi Familia**, participated on this initiative, **they also planted simarua and oil seedlings**.

Researches, owners, and local inhabitants share their knowledge on the **treatments for germination, substrates and, growing processes of the different species**. This allowed them to implement strengthened practices of propagation and seed of native plants that require management for their conservation and that contribute to the restoration of specific eco-systems.

PVS: *Wildlife Project- works for the conservation of ten species of flora and fauna in Magdalena Medio and Llanos Orientales -Eastern Plains-. It is funded by Ecopetrol and coordinated by WCS Colombia. Ten implementing organizations are part of this initiative and they have the support of Mario Santo Domingo Foundation.

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This text proposes several recommendations to address the existing challenges and opportunities of some environmental markets of Colombia.

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OUR SPECIES: THE CARRETO COLORADO-ROSEWOOD- (*Aspidosperma polyneuron*)

Photo: Mauricio "Pato" Salcedo - WCS Colombia

It grows in both, the dry forests and the tropical humid forests. The timber is highly esteemed for the construction of furniture and floors. Due to their intense exploitation, **they are now in danger of extinction.**

Currently, **WCS Colombia coordinates the Wildlife Project**, an initiative to work in favor of the rosewood in coordination with the **Center for the Research on Sustainable Systems of Agricultural Production (CIPAV)**.

Many of the Wildlife Project (PVS) activities associated with said species, have been addressed to stockbreeders and owners of farms located in Magdalena Medio. The main purpose is for them to adopt agricultural and productive systems that are environmentally friendly.