

TReeS News

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INTRODUCTION

The recent news from Peru is typically mixed. There are some hopeful signs for the future, however, especially for AMETRA 2001. There is an important event next month - the TReeS 2nd Birthday party, on the 6th of February at 7.30 p.m. at Operation Raleigh Headquarters (map enclosed). Don't miss it !

I must thank everyone who returned our questionnaires, which I read with great interest. The comments and suggestions showed me clearly the diversity of opinions and interests among TReeS members. There was also considerable support for a more wide-ranging, in-depth newsletter. If you would all write articles for the newsletter, I am sure that it would be even more diverse and interesting, both for members and non-members of TReeS, and it would certainly help in promoting the conservation of rainforests in general and Tambopata in particular.

CATTLE ON THE T.W.R.

Cattle have crossed onto Reserved Zone land during the past dry season. They have been entering the area of overlap with the native community of Infierno, between lake Cocococha and the Tambopata river. Hopefully this will not happen again, as Juan Pesha, the caretaker of this area, is now living on the site and patrolling by boat. This should also prevent the removal of timber from the Reserved Zone. Didier Lacaze, the co-ordinator of AMETRA 2001 in Madre de Dios, may move to the Ethnobiological Centre this month.

AMETRA NEWS

The best news we have received for some time is the granting of \$25,000 per year for the next three years to AMETRA, by the Fédération Gènevoise de Cooperation. This great boost is thanks to the efforts of Alain Géhin of Soutien AMETRA 2001 in France. It has come just in time to allow construction of the Ethnobiological Centre to continue. Another proposal for funding has been submitted to the E.E.C. - we should know the outcome soon. The latter is a result of Helen Newing's trip to Holland in August

where she visited a sub-branch of the I.U.C.N. called "Both Ends". Helen has also visited Alain Gehin in Paris to strengthen the links between TReeS and Soutien AMETRA 2001.

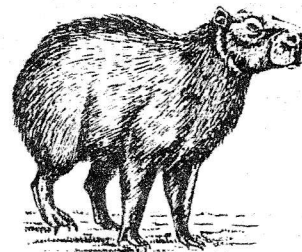
In Britain, there has been a great deal of interest in AMETRA, and many donations for its work. The Sir Samuel Scott of Yews Charitable Trust gave £1,000, and the BBC Wildlife Magazine article raised £200. The "Green Forum" at the London School of Economics raised £109.21 at a presentation meeting. Thanks are due to Siobhan Madersen for the organisation, and for the food and wine that was provided. The School of Herbal Medicine at Tonbridge Wells, who have maintained a high degree of interest in AMETRA's work recently, raised £65 by busking. A short article about AMETRA appeared recently in the Journal of Radical Community Medicine, and an article about the Reserved Zone was published in "Green Drum", a Birmingham-based Green magazine.

In Peru, a follow-up trip to the last course has just been completed around the Native Communities in the upper Madre de Dios region. The slide-projector we sent out in December is being used in the Native Communities and arousing great interest. AMETRA's AGM will take place on the 21st of February.

THE TReeS SLIDE COLLECTION

Did you know that TReeS has a collection of over 150 slides covering Tambopata, jungle wildlife and AMETRA? If you want to give a slide-show or talk then the slides are available to be borrowed. For a full catalogue, send a large s.a.e. to:

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FORTHCOMING SLIDESHOWS AND PRESENTATIONS

On Wednesday 20th January Robert Harvey is giving a talk and slide-show about Tambopata to the Kingston branch of the London Wildlife Trust.

On Tuesday February 9th at 8.00 p.m. Helen Newing is giving a presentation about traditional medicine at Tambopata to Muswell Hill Friends of the Earth, at Muswell Hill library. She is also going to Hemel Hempstead F.o.E. on the 15th of February - 8.00 p.m. in the Friends Meeting House there.

PEOPLE ON THE RESERVED ZONE

Michel Alexiades has recently returned to Tambopata to continue his work for AMETRA, and to prepare for his graduate studies in ethnobotany which he hopes to do in association with New York Botanic Gardens. Jeanie Edgerton arrived at Tambopata after Christmas. She is an artist, and hopes to involve all the different groups of people associated with the Reserved Zone in producing display work for the lodge and, if possible, local schools.

Oliver Phillips will go out to the Reserved Zone in February, to plan

his work on the sustainable development of the Ojé tree, Ficus glabrata, which has an antihelminthic resin.

TReeS NEWS

TReeS is now a charity registered with the Inland Revenue. Our charity number is 298054. This means that we will be able to claim back tax on covenanted membership fees soon. This was one of the items discussed at a lively and productive meeting on the 16th of January. There was considerable agreement that TReeS should start a new fund-raising drive directed towards the expansion of the Reserved Zone. Some of this money could be used in inviting a conservation worker from Peru to visit Britain. A liaison visit to Peru by TReeS representatives would also be useful in forging links with the infrastructure of conservation there, which shares our interest in the expansion of the Reserved Zone. This would help to give a direction to our long-term fund-raising, and enable the money to be used most effectively in Peru.

The new membership secretary and treasurer of TReeS is Sarah Wilkins. Her address: 3, Austcliffe Cottages,
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It was thought a good idea at the meeting that there should be a TReeS book for visitors to sign, and that a map of the trails of the Reserved Zone should be produced for folding into the new TReeS leaflet.

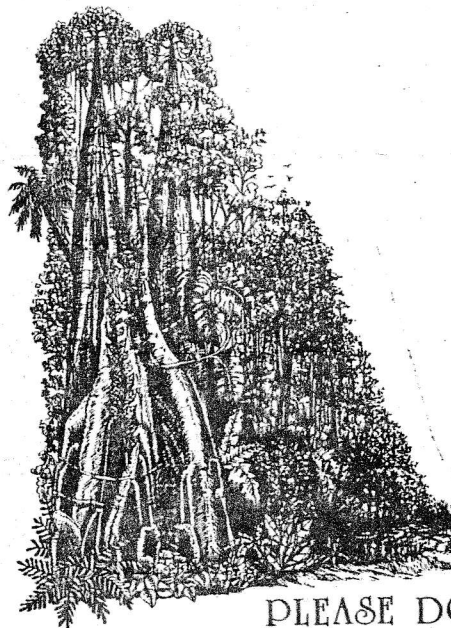
The next TReeS meeting - Saturday March 5th, at 2.00 p.m. in Operation Raleigh Headquarters. See map enclosed for party for directions.

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