First anniversary of Coiba as a World Heritage Site

With the attendance of a large and diverse audience on Wednesday, July 12 at the Tupper Center Auditorium, STRI, Panama’s Authority for the Environment (ANAM), the Ministry of Education, the University of Panama, Fundación Natura, Fundación Mar Viva, Panama’s Tourism Institute (IPAT), Fundación PROMAR, Fundación Smithsonian de Panama, Panama’s Marine Authority (AMP) and RAMSAR Regional Center organized a forum to celebrate the first anniversary of the declaration of Coiba Island National Park as a World Heritage Site. The World Heritage Committee of the United Nations for Education, Science and Culture (UNESCO) accepted Panama’s petition on July 14, 2005, in Durban, South Africa.

The above mentioned institutions received the collaboration of Explora Science and Art Museum, the Audubon Society of Panama, Forest Stewardship Council, the United Nations Information Center, Fundación Albatros Media and ANCON.

In her intervention, Aleida Salazar, director of Protected Areas from ANAM praised STRI for its collaboration provided to put together the petition to include Coiba Island National Park as a World Heritage Site. She also highlighted the need for scientific research on Coiba historical, cultural and biological biodiversity, since “it is everybody’s responsibility to know the site, in order to protect it and elaborate and execute a management plan.”

The process of revision and updating the current plan, which was originally prepared by the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation in 1996, is under the direction of STRI’s Juan L. Maté. The key
Congratulations

To Fernando Bouche, for obtaining a specialization in Administration for Technical Information at Universidad Latina de Panamá. He graduated with honors.

New publications


CTFS seeks postdoctoral fellow

STRI’s Center for Tropical Forest Science seeks postdoctoral fellow in forest ecology, comparative biology and the evolution and biogeography of forest communities within the CTFS. The CTFS coordinates a network of long-term forest research programs in 13 tropical countries. A strong analytical background is preferred. Candidates should have an established record of research and scholarly publication in tropical forest ecology and/or evolution. Field experience is not essential. Position based at STRI in Panama. Interested please send CV, a brief statement of research interests, and names of three references to: Stuart Davies, Center for Tropical Forest Science, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Unit 0948, APO AA 34002 0948. E mail: sautua@si.edu before August 4, 2006.

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STRI on TV

Local Channel 11
"Ecoaventuras” program will feature Punta Culebra on Wednesday, July 19, at 8pm, and on Sunday’s July 24, at 2:30pm

Miscellaneous

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