

Tupper seminar

Tuesday, September 7, noon seminar speaker will be Ricardo Mallarino, STRI
What can phylogenies tell us about speciation? The case of *Ithomia* (Lepidoptera; Nymphalidae)

Bambi seminar

Thursday, September 9, Bambi seminar speaker will be Alex Trillo
Brood amalgamation in the tortoise beetle *Acromis sparsa*: An offspring perspective

Arrivals

Mark Torchin, STRI, wife Andrea and sons Erik and Alexander, Sep 4, to take up position as STRI staff scientist, at Naos Island Marine Laboratory.

Sylvain Delagrangé, University of Quebec, Canada, Sep 10 - Oct 10, to work with Catherine Potvin at Naos and Sardinilla.

Stefan and Michael Laube, University of Kaiserslautern, Germany, Sep 10 - Nov 30, to study long-term changes of epiphyte communities patterns and mechanisms, on Barro Colorado Island.

Luis Coll, University of Quebec, Canada, Sep 10-30 to work with the Carbon Sequestration Project in Sardinilla, Naos and Tupper.

Departures

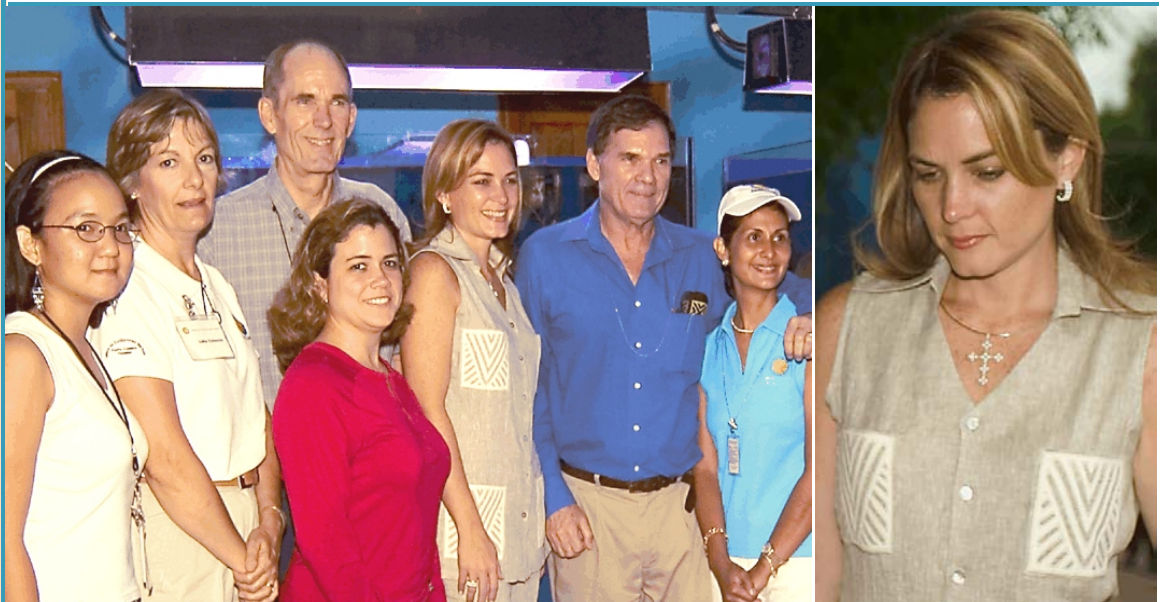
Steve Paton, Sep 4-28, to Kenya, to work in meteorological station at the Mpala Research Center.



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First Lady visits Culebra

Vivian Fernández de Torrijos (at right), wife to Panama's president Martín Torrijos Espino, and her staff visited STRI's Marine Exhibition Center at Culebra Point on Tuesday, August 24. The First Lady was briefed about STRI's public programs and taken in a tour of the site with staff and guides, and Stanley Heckadon-Moreno, director of STRI's Office of Communications and Public Programs. She showed a keen interest in STRI's environmental educational programs and expressed her desire to promote these programs during her five year tenure at Palacio de Las Garzas. Fernández de Torrijos also accepted Heckadon's invitation to visit our facilities at Galeta, Bocas del Toro and Barro Colorado Island. The group photo shows (from the left) Anny Lou, Lidia de Valencia, John Christy, Inéz Campbell, the First Lady, Stanley Heckadon, and Ondina Gutiérrez.

Vivian Fernández de Torrijos, esposa del presidente panameño Martín Torrijos Espino (foto a la derecha) y su personal visitaron el Centro de Exhibiciones Marinas de STRI en Punta Culebra, Calzada de Amador, el pasado martes 24 de agosto. La Primera Dama fue atendida por el personal y los guías, así como por el director de la Oficina de Comunicaciones y Programas Públicos, Stanley Heckadon-Moreno, quienes le hablaron sobre los programas públicos de STRI y la acompañaron en un recorrido de las instalaciones. Fernández de Torrijos mostró un interés especial en los programas educativos ambientales de STRI y expresó su deseo de promoverlos durante su período de cinco años en el Palacio de Las Garzas. También aceptó la invitación de Heckadon a visitar nuestras instalaciones en Galeta, Bocas del Toro y la Isla de Barro Colorado. La foto de grupo muestra (desde la izquierda) a Anny Lou, Lidia de Valencia, John Christy, Inéz Campbell, la Primera Dama, Stanley Heckadon y Ondina Gutiérrez.

Esposa del Presidente visita Culebra

More departures

Olga F. Linares, Sep 5-24, to Bolivia, Colombia and Peru, to evaluate the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI) program and attend the IPGRI Board of Trustees meetings.

Fernando Santos-Granero, Sep 10-19 to Lima, Peru, to work with colleague on publication of manuscript and use the archives.

S. Joseph Wright, Sep 10 - Dec 13, to the US on OTRAT, and to Minneapolis to do analyses and writing.

Congratulations!

To Sunshine Van Bael and Allen Herre, for the birth of their son Daniel Aidan Herre, on Sep 1st. He weighed 8lbs!

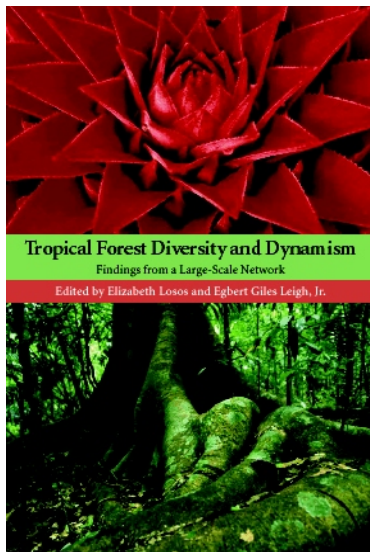
To Adriana Sautú, STRI's Center for Tropical Forest Sciences, who obtained a master's degree in Biology from the University of Kentucky, with the thesis *Ecology, morphology, and germination physiology of tree seeds in a tropical semi-evergreen forest in the Panama Canal watershed, with special reference to seed dormancy classes along a precipitation gradient*.

Condolences

To Krysta Ríos and her family, for the loss of her grandmother, Filadelfia Ríos, on Friday, August 27.

New publications

Boul, Kathryn E., and Ryan, Michael J. 2004. "Population variation of complex advertisement calls in *Physalaemus petersi* and comparative laryngeal morphology." *Copeia* 2004(3): 624-631.



STRI new book: Tropical forest diversity and dynamism

"Long-term Forest Dynamics Plots (FDPs) allow ecologists to explain patterns in diversity and dynamics in tropical forests around the world. In this collection, Elizabeth Losos and Egbert Giles Leigh Jr. assemble extensive standardized data--

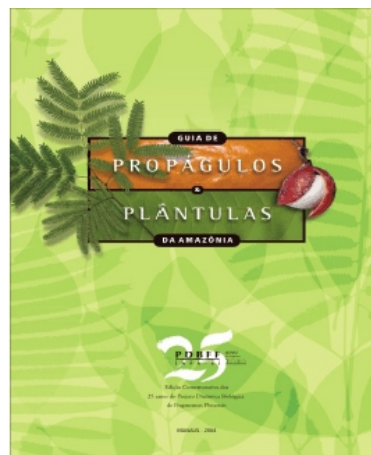
collected here in one location for the first time—from sixteen tropical FDPs and synthesize the findings, putting these unique and valuable plots in a global context by highlighting the utility of the collected data for conservation and forest management. Written by experts in the field of tropical ecology, *Tropical forest diversity and dynamism* will appeal to students and professionals with an interest in community ecology and patterns of diversity." The book was published from the University of Chicago Press. (*Taken from* www.press.uchicago.edu)

"Las Parcelas de Dinámica de Bosques (FDPs, por sus siglas en inglés) a largo plazo, permiten a los ecólogos explicar los patrones de diversidad y dinámica en los bosques tropicales alrededor del mundo. En esta colección, Elizabeth Losos y Egbert Giles Leigh Jr. arman una información estandarizada extensa compilada en un sólo volumen por primera vez, de 16 FDPs tropicales y sintetizan sus hallazgos, poniendo estas únicas y valiosas parcelas en un contexto global al subrayar la utilidad de la información obtenida, para la conservación y el manejo forestal. Escrito por expertos en el campo de la ecología tropical, *Tropical forest diversity and dynamism* [Dinamismo y diversidad del bosque tropical] será atractivo para estudiantes y profesionales con un interés en la ecología de comunidades y patrones de diversidad." El libro fue publicado por la Editora de la Universidad de Chicago. (*Información tomada de* www.pres.uchicago.edu)

New from BDFFP

A new guide was introduced at the 25th Anniversary Symposium of the Biological Dynamics of Forest Fragments Project: *Guía de Propágulos e Plântulas da Amazônia* [Seeds and seedlings of Amazonia guide] by authors Isolde Ferraz and José Luís Campana Camargo.

Una nueva guía se presentó durante el Simposio del 25^o Aniversario del Proyecto de Dinámica Biológica de Bosques Fragmentados: *Guía de Propágulos e Plântulas da Amazônia* [Guía de semillas y plantones de la Amazonia] por Isolde Ferraz and José Luís Campana Camargo.



More publications

Dorta, Enrique, Diaz Marro, Ara R., Cueto, Mercedes, D'Croz, Luis, Maté T., Juan L., and Dariasa, Jose. 2004. "Chamigrenelactone, a polyoxygenated sesquiterpene with a novel structural type and devoid of halogen from *Laurencia obtusa*." *Tetrahedron Letters* 45: 7065-7068.

Laurance, William F., Mesquita, Rita C.G., Luizao, Regina, and Pinto, Flavia. 2004. "The Biological Dynamics of Forest Fragments Project: 25 years of research in the Brazilian Amazon." *Tropinet (Supplement to Biotropica)* 15(2/3): 1-3.

Mangan, Scott A., Eom, Ahn-Ehum, Adler, Gregory H., Yavitt, Joseph B., and Herre, Allen E. 2004. "Diversity of arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi across a fragmented forest in Panama: insular spore communities differ from mainland communities." *Oecologia* Online.

Miscellaneous

For sale: Toyota Yaris 2002. \$6,000 Interested please call Mirka at tel. 321-0560.

For sale: Mata-burro black Reaco Auto cromo, in good condition. \$60. Annette Aiello at, 212-8022.
Se vende: Mata-burro negro Reaco Auto cromo, en buenas condiciones. \$60. Annette Aiello, tel. 212-8022.

For adoption: One-year old female yellow cat, Minie (yellow eyes) house trained. Interested please call Marlene Flores at 261-9028.