

Newsletter Neotropical Primate Conservation



Announcement

We are happy to announce the founding of Neotropical Primate Conservation (NPC). Set up in June 2007, NPC is a non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of monkeys and their habitat in the tropical rainforests of South and Central America.

Please read on to find out about our progress and plans for the near future.

Application for a charity status

NPC has applied to the charity commission for charity status, check our website for news on the applications progress.

Web Site

The NPC website is now up and running. Its purpose is to provide a tool for promoting the aims of the organization and to become a useful resource enabling access to information on Neotropical primates and their conservation. The website gives details of our projects and work currently being done. There are also links to reports and other related sites. The site is easy to explore and contains videos and photos of monkeys. There are also opportunities to interact on the kids page. Please help us to raise funds by using the 'Donate' button. The site is regularly updated so be sure to add it to your favourites and check regularly on the latest news.



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Yellow tailed woolly monkey

The yellow tailed woolly monkey is Critically Endangered and endemic to a small area of cloud forest in the Tropical Andes region of Peru; a region that has been labelled as the epicentre of global biodiversity.

We have recently completed a preliminary survey of the species throughout its range in north-eastern Peru. This was the first such survey to be made in over 25 years. During the survey we located an important area for the conservation of the species, called La Esperanza.



Rescued yellow tailed woolly monkey

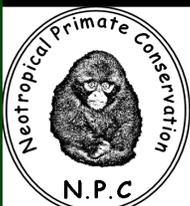
This area faces immense pressures from commercial logging and land clearance for cattle ranching and coffee cultivation. The forests are disappearing rapidly. We are working to create a new reserve, in conjunction with local communities, to help the conservation of this species. In return we will help the people develop eco-friendly income alternatives to the current non-sustainable practises in the area.



Meeting in La Esperanza

Our project aims to combine the creation of a community run reserve with scientific census work, a reforestation program using native tree species that will be beneficial to humans and wildlife, environmental education and the

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Yellow tailed woolly monkey (continued)

Development of markets for native agriculture products and handicrafts made in the communities.



A wild yellow tailed woolly monkey

We are pleased to announce that we have secured funding from Apenheul Primate Conservation Trust, Le Conservatoire pour la Protection des Primates, Primate Society of Great Britain and The Monkey Sanctuary Trust as well as several private donors which allows us to begin working on the project. We have also been given a generous

grant by Restore UK to cover the first year of reforestation work in the area. The international volunteer organisation, Brit Olam, has agreed to run a parallel project in La- Esperanza; they will send professional volunteers to assist in sustainable development, education and health care in the communities.

We are currently raising money to allow us to tackle vital work to conserve the yellow tailed woolly monkey. All donations are welcome; either through our web site or by contacting info@neoprimate.org



Los Corrales, the area where the work will take place.

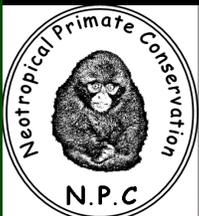
Responsible tourism campaign

One of the major problems we face in the conservation of wild species is the use of wild animals as tourist attractions. Travellers have a great influence on the countries they visit but sometimes do not have enough information and knowledge about the effects their actions on the environment. Attractions such as elephant rides, taking photographs with monkeys and eating exotic bushmeat may seem like good fun but are actually very harmful to wildlife. We are now running an information campaign for travellers and holiday-makers to promote responsible tourism. To find out more of what you can do please visit the Project section of our website.



A spider monkey tied at a circus in Peru.

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