



## Happy New Year!

The end of year report for the Yellow Tailed Woolly Monkey Project in Peru is now available on our website and can be downloaded at

[www.neoprimate.org](http://www.neoprimate.org)

### The Yellow tailed Woolly Monkey Project

The second year of the Yellow Tailed Woolly Monkey Project has got off to a great start. We held meetings in all the villages where we detailed our progress for the last year and plans for this year and all the villages voted in favour of us continuing the project.

We started the year by dividing the trees from the five nurseries in the villages. The local schools planted trees to reforest the school grounds and the trees from the communal nurseries were divided between the families to be planted in their different fields and lands. Most of the tree species we used this year are fruit trees which are eaten both by humans and by wildlife.



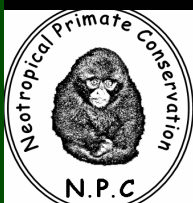
School children in la Esperanza getting ready to plant trees in the school ground.  
Photo: Noga Shancee

December was very busy with the end of the school year and Christmas parties. So we found ourselves rushing between the different communities and trying to attend as many of these celebrations as possible. We helped arrange parties in two of the schools and we also organized some traditional Christmas parties called *Chocolatadas* where hot chocolate and *Paneton* (a special Christmas cake) are served to all.



Children playing in the office. Photo: Noga Shancee

A private donation of educational games was received enthusiastically and now the office is full of children all the time. One of the project's first impacts that we have noticed around La Esperanza is that the children no longer come to the office with their slingshot and many tell us how they don't kill animals anymore. They also, very proudly, tell us how they defend birds from other kids who threaten to capture them.



# Newsletter

## Neotropical Primate Conservation



### The rescue of Wawan



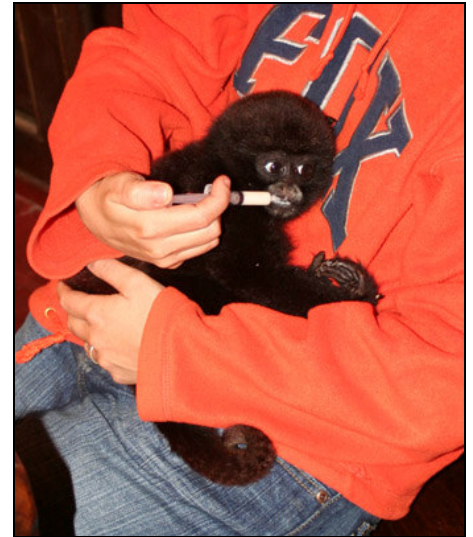
Wawan tied in the house in Miraflores. Photo: Noga Shaneec

Sadly we were told of a baby yellow tailed woolly monkey being kept as a pet in the village of Miraflores. This was very unexpected as Miraflores is one of the friendliest villages we are working in and many of the families are very involved with the project. When we explained the situation to the owners they were very cooperative, they understood that the baby will probably not survive if they keep it in the house without proper care and so they gave her to us to take to the IKAMA Peru rescue centre. They said that they had killed the mother of the monkey as she was eating corn from their farm and kept the baby as a pet.

This kind of crop raiding is becoming a serious problem for this species as more and more of their habitat is lost to agriculture and the monkeys are left with very small patches of forest to sustain themselves, and therefore they look for food in the fields.

The baby is about 3-4 months old and was tied alone in a dark room. Luckily the news about her capture got to us quickly enough and we got there before she got too weak. We took her straight to IKAMA Peru rescue center where she got the name Wawan (which means fat baby in Aguaruna).

Wawan was very sick for the first few weeks but she is now getting excellent 24 hour care and it seems that she is doing much better. We hope she will survive this critical period and will be able to join Waimak, the other yellow tailed woolly monkey at the centre.



Wawan drinking milk in IKAMA Peru. Photo: Sam Shaneec

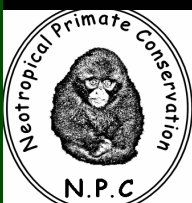


Wawan sitting on a tree in IKAMA Peru. Photo: Noga Shaneec

### National Schools Painting competition

The national painting competition funded by NPC and The Monkey Sanctuary, and managed by the Peruvian NGO Yunkawasi, has now finished. There were 575 entries from 9 towns and villages in San Martin and Amazonas, Peru. The 12 winning entries have been published in a calendar for 2009 along with photos and information about Peru's monkey species. The calendar can be seen at:

<http://runachay-peru.blogspot.com/>



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### New reserves

The village of La Perla del Imaza in the far north of La Esperanza has voted to protect the area of white sand forest that lies within their territory. This is great step towards protecting this special ecosystem and is even more impressive as they took this step alone. We are going to help them with the management of this area and help establish its limits. We are still not sure about the limits of this land, only that it is between 5,000 and 10,000 hectares. The white sand forest has unique vegetation with an amazing variety of orchids and many bird species. This particular forest is especially important for the conservation of the Threatened hummingbird, royal sunangel *Heliangelus regalis* and the Nearly Threatened bar-winged wood-wren *Henicorhina leucoptera*. Both are very local species which are common in this forest. The yellow tailed woolly monkey does not come to this type of habitat often but local people say that they see them there from time to time. Locals also confirmed the existence of capuchin monkeys, pumas and bears in this new reserve.

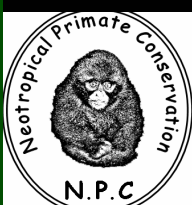


The white sand forest and a bar-winged wood-wren. Photos: Noga Shanee

The work in the neighbouring community of Corosha continues and the community has voted that they want the reserve to be 3,000 hectares, 1,000 hectares larger than the original plan! The scientific inventories in the proposed reserve are finished and capacity building work has begun to help promote tourism, especially for birdwatchers, in the area. We hope to have the full proposal ready in the next few months.

### Thank You!

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to all our funders from last year and an extra special thanks to Apenheul Primate Conservation Trust, La Vallee des Singes, International Primate Protection League and Restore UK who have continued their financial support for the next 12 months. Also special thanks to Jan Vermeer and Shirley McGreal for their help.



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