

CBSG-Brasil 2008 Annual Report

WORKSHOPS

Fourth International Tapir Symposium

CBSG Brasil and CBSG Europe provided assistance to various activities of the IUCN/SSC Tapir Specialist Group (TSG) during the Fourth International Tapir Symposium held in Playa del Carmen, Cancun, Mexico, from April 26 to May 1st, 2008. This included:

TSG Action Plan Implementation Taskforce

The TSG is actively involved in the implementation of the new Tapir Action Plan. An Action Plan Implementation Taskforce has been established to: 1-) promote the new Tapir Action Plan; 2-) lead a constant process of review, update and adaptation of the Action Plan; 3-) provide technical assistance for any initiatives aiming at implementing actions; 4-) maintain high level of communication between the network of professionals and organizations involved. During the Tapir Symposium in Mexico a session was dedicated to the review of the action plan during which the necessary changes, updates and additions were made for each tapir species. The session was facilitated by CBSG Brasil facilitator Patricia Medici and CBSG Europe Facilitator Bengt Holst.

TSG Strategic Planning 2008-2010

During the TSG Strategic Planning Workshop held during the Tapir Symposium in Mexico, participants set short-term goals for the IUCN/SSC Tapir Specialist Group (TSG). The main outcome of this session was a list of priority actions that will "guide & drive" the work of the Tapir Specialist Group over the next three years (2008-2010), creating and detailing specific tasks for each one of the TSG's different committees, taskforces and working groups. CBSG Brasil Patricia Medici and CBSG Europe Bengt Holst facilitated this workshop.

Tapir Population Modeling

As part of the PHVA Workshops, models were developed within Vortex, and baseline models for each tapir species are now available for download on the website of the Tapir Specialist Group. During the Tapir Symposium in Mexico a session was dedicated to discussing the utility of tapir population modeling as well as providing the opportunity for participants to

familiarize themselves with Vortex. This session encouraged and helped tapir researchers to better utilize the modeling tools currently available. CBSG Brasil Modeler Anders Gonçalves da Silva will be running this session, with the assistance of CBSG Brasil Patricia Medici and CBSG Europe Bengt Holst.

I Population Viability Analysis Workshop for Endangered Brazilian

Primates

The CPB - Centro de Proteção de Primatas Brasileiros (Center for the Protection of Brazilian Primates) of the ICMBio – Instituto Chico Mendes de Conservação da Biodiversidade (Chico Mendes Center for Biodiversity Conservation) and CBSG Brasil held the I Population Viability Analysis Workshop for Endangered Brazilian Primates from July 19 to 22 in João Pessoa, Paraíba State, in the northeastern part of Brazil. Four species of endangered primates were examined: red handed howler monkey (*Alouatta ululata*), Coimbra's Titi (*Callicebus coimbra*), blond capuchin (*Cebus flavius*) and black bearded saki (*Chiropotes satanas*). The country's main researchers working on each species were invited, and a total of 16 participants attended. Leandro Jerusalinsky wore many hats during the PVA. Leandro organized the event, acted as a content person for Coimbra's Titi, took care of the logistics during the event and even helped in the facilitation and some of the presentations! Arnaud Desbiez was the modeler/facilitator for the PVA.

Baseline models based on the biological potential of each species were developed, current population trends were examined for three of the four species and impact of current and potential threats discussed and examined. All participants felt that they gained a better understanding and a new perspective of their species. Many came out of the workshop with new research ideas and hypothesis to be tested and studied in the field. A report of the workshop is being compiled and should be available before the end of the year. This event was fully funded by ICMBio. The CBP plans to continue the partnership with CBSG Brasil to hold more PVA workshops for endangered Brazilian primates and use them as a tool for future development of species action plans.

Giraffe Population and Habitat Viability Analysis (PHVA)

CBSG-Europe Kristen Leus and CBSG Brasil Arnaud will work together to facilitate and model for a Giraffe Population and Habitat Viability Analysis (PHVA) in Niamey, Niger September 29th – October 3rd, 2008. The giraffe of Niger (*Giraffa camelopardalis peralta*) are the last in all West Africa, and they are highly threatened. During this workshop a new action plan will be designed to coordinate and prioritise all future conservation measures and strategies.

CAPACITY BUILDING AND PRESENTATIONS

On February 23rd-29th, 2008, Leandro promoted some of CBSG's methods and philosophy in the 2nd edition of the summer course in "Conservation Biology" organised by the Urban Monkeys Program (PMU), Zoology Department of the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS) and NGO Instituto Gaúcho de Estudos Ambientais (INGA).

Arnaud attended a facilitation course given by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) on "Conservation Project Management" in Brasilia between the 9th and 13th of June. TNC has developed a series of tools and methodologies specifically aimed at establishing strategies and actions for areas rich in biodiversity. These methodologies have been widely applied throughout Latin America. TNC offered the course to 20 facilitators from various backgrounds throughout Brazil and invited a member of CBSG-Brazil to attend.

On the 14th and 15th of August Arnaud gave a class to masters students from the ESCAS university in Nazare Paulista, São Paulo on strategic planning and population viability analysis.

Leandro attended the IV Brazilian Conference of Mastozoology between the 18th to the 22nd of August and made a presentation on the importance of strategic planning and population viability analysis.