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VIII CURSO LATINO AMERICANO EM BIOLOGIA DA CONSERVAÇÃO E MANEJO DA VIDA SILVESTRE

Na última década o Curso Latino Americano de Biologia da Conservação e Manejo da Vida Silvestre vem contribuindo para a formação de profissionais comprometidos com a conservação da diversidade socioambiental da América Latina. Durante as cinco semanas de capacitação os participantes compartilham experiências com renomados profissionais que atuam nas diferentes esferas da Biologia da Conservação. O conteúdo programático deste curso trata primeiramente de uma abordagem conceitual teórica, seguido de metodologias e ferramentas úteis em estudos de campo e por último, estudos de caso nos quais os alunos vivenciarão a realidade de um programa de conservação na região do Pontal do Paranapanema. As aulas serão ministradas na sede do IPÊ, em Nazaré Paulista - SP e no município de Teodoro Sampaio -SP, no período de 06 de novembro a 12 de dezembro de 2007. Mais informações: <www.ipe.org.br>.

CATALOG OF VASCULAR PLANT SPECIES OF CENTRAL AND NORTHEASTERN BRAZIL

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This Catalogue will contain information from more than 90,000 specimens housed in The New York Botanical Garden Herbarium that represent vascular plant species occurring in Central and Northeastern Brazil. Specimens from the Distrito Federal and the following states are included: Ceará, Goiás, Maranhão, Mato Grosso, Mato Grosso do Sul, Minas Gerais, Piauí, and Tocantins. In addition, a digital image of one or two specimens of each species have been captured and attached to the database record. The collection locality of any specimen with geographic coordinates can be viewed on a map. The information in this catalogue is intended to provide a means to assess the geographic distributions of species in this region and the diversity and endemism of the flora. This Catalogue will present one of the jewels of the NYBG Herbarium—the set of about 42,000 specimens collected by New York Botanical Garden staff members, Howard S. Irwin and William R. Anderson, and several collaborators during a series of expeditions to the Brazilian Planalto funded by the National Science Foundation from 1964–1975 and carried out in collaboration with the University of Brasília. At the time of the Planalto program, the flora of the Planalto was relatively unknown, and many new species were discovered, most represented by types in the NYBG Herbarium. Creating this Catalogue is expected to take three years, after which it will be updated regularly with records of new specimens from the region accessioned at the NYBG Herbarium and with any changes to records already in the Catalogue. For more information go to: <<http://sciweb.nybg.org/science2/hcol/planalto/index.asp>>.

CBSG NEW WEB SITE

The Conservation Breeding Specialist Group (CBSG) announce the launch of its new website, which is the result of another collaboration between CBSG, Linda Malek, and Evenson Design Group—the same design firm that has donated the design of the Annual Reports. Visit the new website at <<http://www.cbsg.org>> where you will find all the same reports, newsletters and other documents, and new information on our activities.

FIRST INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE REINTRODUCTION CONFERENCE

The IUCN/SSC Reintroduction Specialist Group (RSG) and Lincoln Park Zoo will host the 1st International Wildlife Reintroduction Conference April 15–16, 2008 in Chicago, IL, USA. The theme of the conference will be “Reintroduction programs: Applying science to conservation”. Twenty speakers and 40 posters will be selected for presentation in addition to 12 already invited speakers. Registration is limited to 275 participants. More information about the conference theme and topics is available at the website <www.reintroduction.org>. We hope you will join us for this exciting event.

AMAZON PROTECTED AREAS NETWORK (RANPA)

The objectives of the Amazon Protected Areas Network (RANPA) are to update the information about protected areas in the Amazon basin, using a standard process; to establish an agreement to exchange experiences and information between the managers of the regional protected areas; to use standards of metadata to describe, evaluate and predict the state of the protected areas according to international standards; and to identify the areas that need financial support in order to improve their role in the conservation of the biodiversity in the Amazon region. The services that RANPA provides are a satellite image bank, a fire alert system, and databases that include complete information of the Amazon protected areas, publications and maps. The RANPA net has the support of organizations from Venezuela, Perú, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana and Brazil. For more information about RANPA visit <<http://RANPA.net>> or contact Alvaro Espinel (Senior Environmental Information Specialist, Sustainable Development Department, Organization of American States) at <aespinel@oas.org>.