## ECOLOGICAL REPORT

# AUGUST 2016 INKATERRA GUIDES FIELD STATION







### **ECOLOGICAL REPORT FROM INKATERRA GUIDES FIELD STATION**

#### INTRODUCTION

Inkaterra Guides Field Station – IGFS is located at 12.5 miles from Puerto Maldonado city, over the left shore of the Madre de Dios River. It takes approximately 40 minutes to arrive from the city, navigating in an outboard motor boat. The closest references are the Rolin Island and the Inkaterra Reserva Amazónica Lodge.

#### **STUDY AREA**

The area where all the species were registered comprehends the collpas close to the IGFS trails system, which coordinates are 0495092 m E and 8614756 m S. Image 1 shows in yellow the location of the three trap cameras used to register the data; their specific coordinates are shown in Table 1.



Image 1. Georeferentiation of the 3 trap cameras.

CAMERA	LOCATION	EAST COORDINATE	NORTH COORDINATE
Cam ITA -03	Natural Collpa 1	494971	8614528
Cam ITA -02	Close to floodable area	494969	8614753
Cam ITA -01	Artificial Collpa 13	495025	8614902

#### METHODS

Data were registered by Fototrap method, for which 3 Bushnell trap cameras programmed in hybrid mode were used, taking information since August 1st to August 18<sup>th</sup>. Cameras are located -for a test period- over a pre-identified wildlife pass trail, as image 1 shows.

#### **RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS**

Trap cameras worked continuously for 1296 hours (432 h/camera). A resume of the registered species diversity is enlisted in Table 2.

CAMERA			SPECIES DATA		
CAM ITA N°	HOURS OF REGISTER	ACTIVITY REGISTER (Days)		SCIENTIFIC NAME	QUANTITY OF SIGHTINGS
1	from 18:20 to 05:24	7	Opossum	Didelphis marsupialis	10
	from 16:51 to 09:30	4	Agoutie	Dasyprocta variegata	6
	00:19	1	Ocelot	Leopardus wiedii	1
	10:25	1	Iguana	Tupinambis teguixin	1
	from 11:34 to 15:46	2	Dove	Columbidae sp.	3
	04:59	1	Rat	Desconocido	1
	08:13	1	Partridge	Tinamidae sp.	1
2	from 22:31 to 00:57	2	Opossum	Didelphis marsupialis	2
	from 14:13 to 07:47	5	Agoutie	Dasyprocta variegata	9
	06:03	1	South American Tapir	Tapirus terrestris	1
	16:30	1	Pale-winged Trumpeter	Psophia leucoptera	1
	09:24	1	Partridge	Tinamidae sp.	1
	21:11	1	Red Brocket Deer	Mazama sp.	1
3	from 16:25 to 07:38	3	Black-faced Antthrush	Formicarius analis	3
	from 18:24 to 05:09	5	Rat	Desconocido	7
	13:33	1	Pale-winged Trumpeter	Psophia leucoptera	1
	16:26	1	Greyheaded Tayra	Eira barbara	1
	07:55	1	Bird	Desconocido	1
	22:34	1	Opossum	Didelphis marsupialis	1
	04:45	1	Armadillo	Dasypus novemcinctus	1
	12:48	1	Iguana	Tupinambis teguixin	1
	from 17:30 to 06:51	2	Agoutie	Dasyprocta variegata	2

Table 2. Resume of the obtained data from the 3 trap cameras

56 specimens corresponding to 13 species were identified, being the most frequently observed species the Agoutie and Opossum (Photos 1 y 3, respectively), both present in both, natural and artificial collpas. 17 Agouties were registered in 5 of the 18 days of evaluation, in a range of 17 continuous hours, counting since afternoon until next morning. Likewise, 13 opossums were registered in 7 of the 18 days of evaluation, starting from 18:20 h until 05:24 h, being these 11 continuous hours the widest time range of observation for this specie.

Other observed species were the Ocelot (Photo 2), South American Tapir (Photo 4) and Red Brocket Deer, around the natural collpa; and the Greyheaded Tayra (Photo 7) around the artificial one. These individuals are important to mention given the difficulty to be directly observed. As shown in Table 2, all the sightings have been registered between nights and next mornings; except the Greyheaded Tayra which was registered by afternoon.

The results obtained during this evaluation period will be complemented with those ones obtained in the future evaluation periods already ongoing, in order to set a possible wildlife traffic pattern, per species and per type of collpas.



Photo 1: Dasyprocta variegata



Photo 2: Leopardus wiedii



Photo 3: Didelphis marsupialis



Photo 4: Mazama sp.



Photo 5: Tapirus terrestris

Photo 6: Formicarius sp.



Photo 7: Eira barbara



Photo 8: Psophia leucoptera