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Noga and Sam Shanee

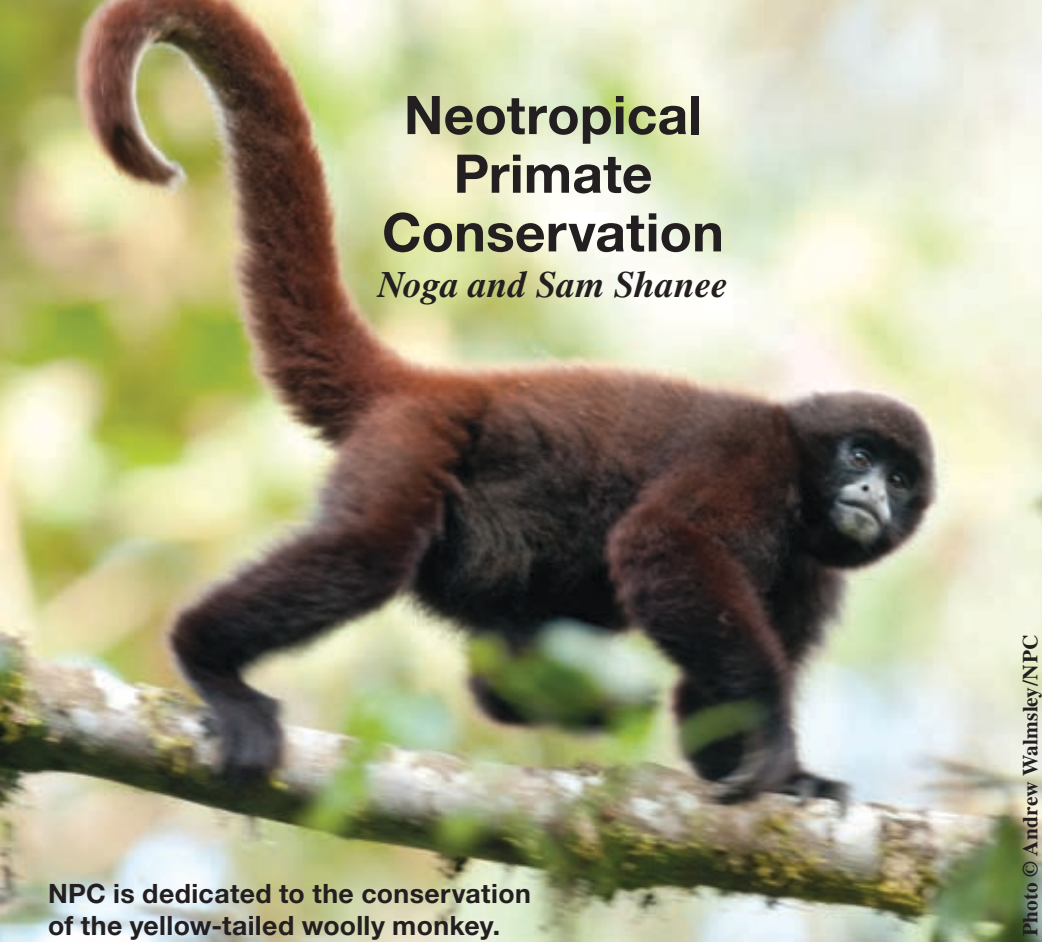


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NPC is dedicated to the conservation of the yellow-tailed woolly monkey.

IPPL has supported our conservation work from the beginning, in 2007. IPPL was actually the first organization to fund our projects, which concentrate on the field conservation of the critically endangered yellow-tailed woolly monkey and other endangered primates in Peru.

Funding from IPPL has enabled the NPC to develop and grow from a single community conservation site to our current total of nine communities in two Peruvian departments. Funding from IPPL has also helped us to undertake diverse tactics involving animal rescue, environmental education, ecological investigation, reforestation, and sustainable development.

Specifically, IPPL funding has permitted students studying to become primary education teachers to gain practical experience in environmental education in some of Peru's remotest villages. Additionally, it has allowed us to maintain permanent contact with wildlife authorities, both locally and nationally, and conduct capacity-building programs.

We have assisted in the confiscation of many primates and other endangered animals from illegal zoos and the pet trade. One of our greatest achievements, however, has been the publication and distribution of an identification guide to help local police and wildlife authorities identify the regions' protected species.

In addition, we have conducted the first censuses and behavioral studies of yellow-tailed woolly monkeys and Peruvian night monkeys, presented over 100 environmental education seminars, and created a new protected forest area, with six more areas under review. We have carried out poster campaigns and developed ideas for eco-tourism and other sustainable economic alternatives in the hope of providing other income sources for communities who have taken steps to protect their primates and forests.

All of the above projects would not have been possible without funding from IPPL.

Fundación Entropika

Angela Maldonado

Since 2009, IPPL has been supporting our foundation's goal to stop the illegal trade in night monkeys for malaria research in Colombia. IPPL's support has been critical in the implementation of our campaign and the dissemination of results at the local, regional, and national levels in Colombia and Peru.

Furthermore, IPPL's support included the sponsorship of Entropika's attendance at the 61st meeting of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) Standing Committee in August 2011 as a delegate of IPPL. During the meeting, we were able to inform the Colombian, Peruvian, and Brazilian CITES authorities about the magnitude of the trade—and the negligence of Colombian environmental authorities in controlling it.

In addition, without the backing of IPPL, we would not have been able to successfully apply hunting bans in three Peruvian communities (Vista Alegre, Chinería, and Yahuma), which have been responsible for

trapping the majority of the night monkeys. We have also put pressure on the Colombian environmental authorities in order to sanction the biomedical lab responsible for encouraging this illegal trade. Since June 2011, the lab has been prohibited from buying night monkeys or dumping "used" animals back in the forest after experimentation.

I would like to thank IPPL and its supporters for their help, which has enabled Fundación Entropika to tackle the monkey trade in the Colombian-Peruvian border area and to see actual conservation achievements. We hope that the strong links we share with IPPL will be maintained in the long term and that we will soon celebrate the complete ban of the illegal trade in night monkeys together.



Angela Maldonado (in white T-shirt) meets with the women of the Vista Alegre community.

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