



CONSERVATION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES OF BIRDS AND OTHER PLANTS AND ANIMALS IN THE ECUADORIAN ANDES

You are invited to a presentation in the
Linnean Society at Burlington House, Piccadilly,
London, W1J 0BF
at 6.30 for 7pm on Thursday November 4th
by Dr Nigel Simpson
on behalf of the Anglo-Ecuadorian Society,
in association with the World Land Trust,
and Conservation Foundations
Jocotoco and Ecominga in Ecuador.

Admission £10 (Students free)

To reserve tickets for the talk please send a cheque
payable to the Anglo-Ecuadorian Society to: Mr Leslie
Simpson, 29 Chantry Hurst, Epsom, Surrey, KT18 7BW

The presentation will end by 8.30pm. Afterwards
drinks/dinner will be held at a nearby restaurant. Those
interested in attending please contact Patricia Lea at
mpatlea@ aol.com or tel:01753 880845 by 18th October.

Shown on the left are three of the more than one hundred
new species which have been discovered during this
work which began in 1997.





Dr Nigel Simpson worked in the mining, chemical, and pharmaceutical industries at Rio Tinto and Rhône-Poulenc for 25 years before forming his own company to develop a new technique to repair complex retinal detachments which has since been adopted as standard worldwide. He has also been a visiting lecturer in chemistry at Manchester University, and a visiting senior research fellow at Birmingham University. From 1997 he began to focus on conservation of the environment in Latin America, especially in Ecuador. Nigel Simpson has also been involved in conservation or medical projects in seven other Latin American countries from Cuba to Bolivia, as well as habitat conservation since 1970 in the Wye Valley of Gloucestershire, and support for the programmes of Bird Life International. He has been a Trustee or Council Member of the World Land Trust for several years and was awarded the OBE in 2005 for services to environmental conservation and local communities in Ecuador.

Fundación Jocotoco was formed in 1998 in Ecuador with a small team of people from Ecuador, the United States, Canada, Denmark, Germany and the UK to establish biological habitat reserves to protect globally threatened species of birds in the Andes and western parts of the country. Its name is derived from the new bird species, the Jocotoco Antpitta which was discovered on a very wet mountain in Zamora-Chinchipe Province in November 1997. Fundación Ecominga was formed in 2005 to do similar work to conserve sites of high botanical value in the mountains along the valley of the Rio Pastaza. These two organisations employ about 50 people in Ecuador.

The presentation will describe:

- the activities of Jocotoco intended to protect most of Ecuador’s globally threatened bird species
- highlights of herpetological studies in the twelve reserves of the two organisations by the team at the MECN in Quito
- plant and especially orchid discoveries and work on mammals
- habitat restoration at several of the reserves in the Andes
- cooperative work with similar organisations in other countries within the “Tropical Andes”

Burlington House is on the north side of Piccadilly between Piccadilly and Green Park tube stations. The Linnean Society is on the left side of the main entrance arch.

Application to Attend Talk

Please reserve ___ places for the talk at the Linnean Society on Thursday 4th November: at £10.00 pp.
(Students ___ free) Total £ ___

Names: _____

Telephone No: _____ E-mail: _____

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