
THEME #4

Case Studies: Visits to the Field

Theme 4 consisted entirely of the field visits around Costa Rica, where participants chose to participate in one of the Sites Visits. A case study was prepared for each Site Visit, and they are included in this section:

- **Coffee Cooperative:** CoopeCafira in San Ramon works to improve the competitive position of Costa Rican coffee in the international coffee market by producing a sustainable coffee. The Sustainable Coffee (SUSCOF) consortium was established in 1999 consisting of 6 coffee cooperatives; CoopeCafira is one of them.
- **Market Based Conservation:** FUNDECOR is a non-governmental organization founded in 1991 to protect and increase the Costa Rican forests located in the country's central plateau.
- **Wildlife Rescue Center:** ZOO AVE accepts orphaned, injured and former pet animals at their Center for Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation (CWRR) located on the Zoo grounds in La Garita de Alajuela.
- **National Biodiversity Institute:** National Biodiversity Institute's mission is to promote a new awareness of the value of biodiversity, and thereby achieve its conservation and use to improve the quality of life.
- **Ecotourism:** The Sarapiquí Neotropical Center is a place where conservation of nature and eco-development, in combination with sustainable tourism, has become a reality.
- **Conservation Easements:** With help from The Nature Conservancy (TNC), the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Center (CEDARENA in its Spanish acronym), first established a conservation easement in Costa Rica eight years ago and now has fostered 60 contracts with private landowners, protecting some 7,000 acres.