

Sample of environmental translation

Excerpt from a forest reserve case study translation in support of the UNDP Equator Initiative.



English copy (original text)

Monitoring through 'biodiversity inventories'

(...) The findings of these inventories have shown that a considerable recovery of the forest was achieved through reforestation measures. Reforestation, in turn, led to an increase in habitat and thereby enabled the recovery of local wildlife populations. A number of species have returned to the area from nearby forest groves, and now use the reserve as a refuge and a migration corridor. For example, while at the beginning of the project there were hardly any sightings of agoutis (Dasyprocta punctata), peccaries (Tayassu tajacu), white-faced monkeys (Cebus capuchin) or ocelots (Leopardus pardalis), these species are now often seen in the area, according to recent inventories. Biologists have also identified a new species of shrub in the reserve, Stemmadenia hannae, which is found nowhere else in the world, as well as a rare, blue umbrella shaped mushroom, Entoloma macrofungi.

Spanish copy (translation)

Monitoreo mediante 'inventarios de biodiversidad'

(...) Los resultados que arrojan estos inventarios demuestran que se logró una recuperación considerable de los bosques a partir de las medidas de reforestación implementadas. La reforestación condujo, a su vez, a un aumento del hábitat y por consiguiente posibilitó la recuperación de poblaciones de vida silvestre locales. Varias especies, provenientes de bosquecillos cercanos, retornaron al área y ahora utilizan la reserva como refugio y corredor de migración. Por ejemplo, si bien al comienzo del proyecto prácticamente no se veían guatusas (Dasyprocta punctata), pecaries (Tayassu tajacu), monos cariblancos (Cebus capuchin) u ocelotes (Leopardus pardalis), estas especies ahora se ven a menudo en la zona, según los inventarios recientes. Los biólogos también han identificado una nueva especie de arbusto en la reserva, Stemmadenia hannae, que no se encuentra en ninguna otra parte del mundo, así como también un hongo azul raro con forma de sombrilla, Entoloma macrofungi.

Translation comments:

In this text, there are some instances of specific terminology, i.e. species names, which have been carefully checked in order to avoid distortion of information. Regarding grammar, I made a few changes so the translation reads more naturally, and a more comprehensible document results for the Spanish average reader (f.e., passive voice replaced by passive with 'se').

