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Caño Palma Biological Station

Caño Palma Biological Station is situated on Costa Rica's north-eastern coast in an ancient flood plain covered by lowland Atlantic tropical wet forest. Biologically it is the richest ecosystem in Costa Rica. Average daily temperature is about 26 degrees Celsius and rainfall may exceed 6,000 mm per annum.



The Biological Station is located adjacent to Caño Palma, a narrow, palm-filled canal that separates the Biological Station from the Caribbean Sea by a mere 200-300 metres. The globally endangered green, leatherback, hawksbill and loggerhead sea turtles come ashore to nest on beaches accessible from the station. There are no roads in the area, and visitors to Caño Palma arrive by boat via a network of rivers and canals. The station has a large covered boat dock with a lookout designed for viewing wildlife. The compound consists of a lush lawn and gardens with many varieties of tropical plants and shrubs. There is a small pond near the dock, which is used by the local wildlife. The station is surrounded by secondary forest in transition, with primary forest just behind.



Much of the surrounding area is protected under Costa Rica's parks and reserves system, with Tortuguero National Park (18,900 hectares) and the Barra Colorado Refuge (92,000 hectares), forming a vast corridor, which connects with conserved forest in Nicaragua to the north. Our goal is to extend our efforts in neotropical conservation beyond the station's current 40 hectares.



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Boat Dock at Caño Palma Biological Station

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- Educators who teach environmental awareness to local children in Costa Rica.
- Conservationists who protect rainforest habitats and the species they support.
- Volunteers who collect data and perform general maintenance and support duties at the biological station in Costa Rica.
- Researchers who increase knowledge of rainforest plants and their uses; who study the biodiversity of insects; who monitor sea turtle nesting; and who study and monitor resident bird and mammal species.

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Why Should I Join?

Your support ensures the continuity of research, conservation and education currently in progress in Costa Rica and Canada. Just as the summer tanager travels between Costa Rica and Canada, your financial support will be used to further programs and connections in both countries.

Help young Juan understand that there are alternatives to poaching. Help young Susie learn that her favourite summer bird plays an important environment role in the winter in Costa Rica. Help us promote continuing connections.



We invite you to join COTERC and become part of active conservation. As a member, you receive our RAPHIA newsletter four times per year and are entitled to a discounted stay at our Caño Palma Biological Station. See for yourself what your money is doing!

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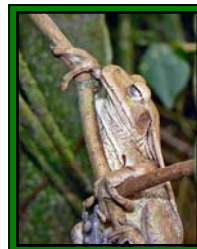
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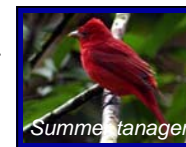
Current Projects

Some of the projects currently underway include:

Marine Turtle Monitoring & Tagging Program—Helps us understand population dynamics and to augment protection for the turtles on the beach near the station. The aim of the project is to assist in the long term conservation of marine turtles in the area outside the protected area of the adjacent national park.



Resident & Migrant Bird Monitoring—Birds are sighted and monitored on station trails during migration season.



Children's Environmental Education—Weekly classes increase environmental awareness in the community's children, and by extension to their parents.



Large Mammal and Primate Monitoring Program—Establishes baseline data on the presence and absence of the large mammals and primates ranging in and inhabiting the area's lowland rainforest.



Membership Opportunities

COTERC hosts regular social and fundraising events such as quarterly euchre tournaments and our annual Fiesta Verde. Join the fun with a small group dedicated to conservation in Costa Rica!



Dinner in Tortuguero, Costa Rica