

DarwinNet – information for the conservation of the dry forests of Peru and Ecuador

Activities in celebration of the International Day for Biological Diversity 22 May, 2005

The **BirdLife International** project **DarwinNet** is based on the implementation of an ecoregional and binational Clearing-house Mechanism for the conservation of the dry forests of western Ecuador and north-west Peru, also known as the Tumbesian Endemic Bird Area. The project is funded by the **Darwin Initiative** of the UK government and is implemented by in-country partner organizations: **Nature & Culture International** (with offices in Loja-Ecuador and Sullana-Peru) and **ProBosque Foundation** (Guayaquil-Ecuador).

DarwinNet recognizes the importance of dissemination of biological information and raising awareness of the importance of the dry forests of Peru and Ecuador through all levels of society. As such, and in celebration of the **International Day for Biological Diversity**, in-country partners have planned the following activities:-

- A photographic exhibition to be held in the municipal town hall of Sullana over a period of 15 days during May.
- In the central park of Sullana, on the evening of the 21 of May, local schools and colleges will present theatrical works and dances based on the theme of biodiversity conservation.
- Presentation in the coastal town of Talara (Peru) on the 20 of May, for local authorities, community leaders and high school students.
- 1,000 posters have been printed for distribution throughout the region in both countries. The poster is adapted from the official CBD poster for the IDBD.
- Publication of articles in the regional press in north-west Peru and southern Ecuador on the 22 of May.

Activities are in collaboration with the Provincial Municipality of Sullana, Proyecto Binacional Catamayo-Chira (AECI), the Backus Brewing Company (Sullana office), as well as schools and colleges of the region. The CBD Secretariat is thanked for permission to adapt official poster. See www.darwinnet.org for more information.