

Summary of Workshops pertaining to Education at Sub-National and National Level



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DATES OF EXECUTION: 2013 - 2015

OBJECTIVES:

This document highlights workshops notes and activities which correspond to the following project objectives:

- Conduct six workshops to educate about REDD+ with sub-national (small, medium, and large producers, local communities, and indigenous communities) and national partners.
- Support and encourage the participation of Paraguay's National REDD+ Commission and other relevant partners in the process of workshop implementation.

MAIN RESULTS:

Through the execution of the ParLu project and with the support and active participation of key REDD+ implementation partners and stakeholders, WWF Paraguay has conducted 9 workshops to date, exceeding the project's initial objective. These workshops were carried out in several of the ParLu pilot project locations as well as in the capital of Paraguay, Asunción, various sub-national audiences (including youth, small, medium, and large producers, local communities, decision makers, and indigenous communities) on a variety of REDD+ related topics.

Specific topics covered during workshops have included: promoting a better understanding of REDD+, climate change, REDD+ safeguards, the ParLu project, and community-level work, risks, and benefits of REDD+ activities. Several workshops were conducted with national partners and simultaneously educated participants about payment for ecosystem services and properly managing agricultural chemical inputs (e.g. fertilizers and pesticides).

In total, these workshops have directly reached 248 participants. In addition to the direct knowledge-acquisition benefit, these workshops have reinforced and enforced connections among organizations, thereby strengthening the REDD+ community in Paraguay, generating conversation, information-sharing, and new opportunities.

The below table serves as a summary listing of the workshops that have been held:

No.	Date (day/month/year)	Main Topic	Main Audience	Number of Participants	Organizer(s)	Location Held
1	06/03/2013	Presentation of ParLu Project, REDD+, REDD+ safeguards	Key Government, NGO, and civil society stakeholders (Ministry of Environment - SEAM, National Forest Institute - INFONA, Indigenous Self Determination Federation - FAPI, WWF Germany, National University of Asunción – UNA and Guyra Paraguay)	55	WWF	Hotel del Paraguay, Asunción
2	19/06/2013	Presentation of ParLu Project and Payment for Ecosystem Services	Municipal authorities and key decision makers from Santa Rosa, Naranjal, and Ñacunday	7	WWF	Hotel Monza, Santa Rita

3	01/10/2013	Seminar Presenting the ParLu Project, project progress, and the UN-REDD Programme	Key government, NGO, and civil society stakeholders and partners (SEAM, INFONA, FAPI, Guyra, IDEA, UNA)	44	WWF	Hotel Guaraní, Asunción
4	11/12/2013	Presentation of ParLu Project	Key municipal authorities in Ñacunday Municipality	13	WWF	Ñacunday Municipality
5	05/02/2014	ParLu Project	Oga Poty – Kuña Guapa Committee and local municipal authorities of Raul Peña	14	WWF	Raul Peña Municipality
6	25/03/2015	ParLu Project Progress, Regulations to Manage the Use of Agricultural Chemical Inputs, and Payment for Ecosystem Services	Key community members and members of the Asociación de Hortigranjeros y Feriantes de Raúl Peña	37	WWF, National Plant Health National Office - SENAVE, Economics and Environmental Law Institute - IDEA	Office of the Association of Hortigranjeros and Feriantes of Raúl Peña Municipality
7	23/04/2015	ParLu Project Progress and Achievements	Key local community members in Tavapy	38	WWF	Office of the Cooperative of Yerba Producers of Tavapy
8	20/06/2015	1st Youth Climate Session – Mitigation, Adaptation, Climate Change and REDD+/ParLu	Youth, WWF/Paraguay Volunteers	20	WWF	Casa Bicentenario, Asunción
9	23/07/2015	Monitoring and Evaluation of ParLu pilot project activities, community-level work, risks, and benefits of REDD+ activities.	Key partners and stakeholders from the private sector (SER, Agroganadera Agropoty, Itaipú) and local community (pilot project) level (Ñacunday, Naranjal, Tavapy, Raul Peña)	20	WWF	Naranjal Municipality, Alto Paraná Department

IMPACT:

The aforementioned workshops have each contributed to enhancing capacity building and knowledge sharing about REDD+ with a diverse array of sub-national and national partners and stakeholders. As mentioned, these workshops have additionally reinforced and reinforced connections among organizations, thereby strengthening the REDD+ community in Paraguay, generating opportunities and a more robust REDD+ network.

MORE INFORMATION:

WWF Paraguay has additional supporting documentation for each of the workshops mentioned (including photos and participant attendance lists) that can be presented upon request.