

Fundación Montecito

Environmental NGO

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CURRICULUM VITAE

PRESENTATION

We are an environmental organization, founded in 2010 with a family origin, non-governmental and nonprofit; our motivation relies in searching community wellbeing, and stimulating a shared social and environmental responsibility in society.

Legal registration:

Mat. # S-0501105 from July 22/2010, in the Chamber of Commerce, Sogamoso. Foundation: Act # 01 from June 05/2010, Book I # 04723 (nonprofit entities).

MISSION

Actions and reflections in benefit to the environment; to Andean mount-forest and wetlands in particular.

ACTIONS

Main:

- Recovery and preservation of Lake Tota. We have been in it from the Causa Tota start-up (bit.ly/causatota), in multiple tasks — bit.ly/fm-protota
- Most visited blog for Lake Tota since 2011: ctb.fundacionmontecito.org
- Multiple governance activities for Lake Tota: <http://bit.ly/lagodetota>
- Natural Civil Society Reserves — <http://bit.ly/fm-reservas>
- Volunteering: programs to international volunteers, in environmental education and NGO related activities — <http://bit.ly/fm-vol>
- Communication in various formats and our blog — <http://bit.ly/fm-bg>
- Travel guide for the province of Sugamuxi — visitsugamuxi.com
- Wetland Centre for Lake Tota — ABC Tota <http://abctota.org>, including the Hostel Xieti (Tourism of Wetlands) initiative: <http://xieti.abctota.org>

Others:

- Eco-tourism in Santander, “Montecito Gámbita”.
- Participation in initiatives associated to the *Sociedad Ecológica de Sugamuxi* (SES): Foro Azul — <http://foroazul.blogspot.com>, Sogamoso en Bicicleta, Ideas Ecológicas, and more — <http://ecosugamuxi.blogspot.com>
- Inclusion of Lake Tota as a wetland of international importance, with the World Wetland Network (WWN). We obtained the Wetlands Grey Globe Award for Lake Tota (<http://ggt.fundacionmontecito.org>), 07.7/12.
- Tax incentives to Natural Civil Society Reserves, *Acuerdo Municipal*.

MEMBERSHIPS



World Wetland Network — WWN
- Sub-regional representative, Northern Andean Countries (NAC)
<http://worldwetnet.org>



Hydric Justice Alliance — <http://justiciahidrica.org/>
- Members since 2015 (Cali)



Living Lakes Network — LLN: www.globalnature.org/livinglakes/
- Members since 2016, with Lake Tota



Ocean Expert Directory
www.oceanexpert.net/ — <http://bit.ly/oed-fav>



Sociedad Ecológica de Sugamuxi, co-founders, social network
<http://ecosugamuxi.blogspot.com>



DestiNet — Portal for Sustainable & Responsible Tourism
<http://destinet.eu/who-who/civil-society-ngos/fmontecito>.

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PUBLICATIONS (NON-SCIENTIFIC)

- About Lake Tota - [SP] *Relatos de un peregrinaje del s. XIX, y del pasado indígena y español* — <http://bit.ly/ecosugamuxi-LT>
- Multiple blog-posts from 2010, both NGO: blog.fundacionmontecito.org, and the Causa Tota blog: <http://ctb.fundacionmontecito.org>.
- *Carta del Lago de Tota*, 03.6.2014 — <http://bit.ly/carta-lt>
- *Comunicar Sobre el Agua*, 02.11.2015 — <http://bit.ly/c-agua>

PRESENTATIONS

- Impact of trout cages aquaculture - Proximity to conflict, 1er Foro Azul — *Conversatorio del Agua*; Sogamoso, 11.12.2010 — bit.ly/1erForoAzul
- Lake Tota defense, UPTC; Tunja, Jan 18/2012 — bit.ly/FM-charlaupct
- Multiple school lectures — e.g. <http://bit.ly/FM-colegios>
- In UNISANGIL, Yopal (11.4.2013), “Gota Tota: Recorrido de una causa (Causa Tota). Recuento de un accionar de la sociedad civil”.
- In Propósito Boyacá, Bogotá (04.7.2013), “Lago de Tota: Retos, situación, acciones. Nuevas miradas, nuevas preguntas... para nuevos resultados” — <http://bit.ly/pre-pb>
- In La Cocha (Nariño), Corponariño & Acuinar (19.11.2013): “Lago de Tota: Problemática, y soluciones” — <http://bit.ly/tota-cocha>
- In IUCN Costa Rica (05.5/14): *Experiencia Tota* — <http://bit.ly/exptota>

COURSES, ATTENDANCES

- Conference of the Parties (COP11), Ramsar Convention on Wetlands; Bucarest, Romania (06.7.2012) — bit.ly/fav-cop11, bit.ly/ramsar-cop11.
- Short course “International Training of Trainers on Integrated Water Resources Management” (ToT on IWRM); CDI/Wageningen-UR, Wageningen, NL (14.6.2013) — <http://bit.ly/fav-iwrm>.
- Internacional Conference #14 of *Living Lakes Network* members; Nanchang, China (18.11.2014) — <http://www.globalnature.org/14llc>
- 7th International Researchers Meeting JH (Cali, 16.11.2015) — <http://justiciahidrica.org/7mo-encuentro-justicia-hidrica-cali-colombia/>

REFERENCES

- Pedro Reyes, Dir. Fundación OBSA; Duitama (COL), tel. (301)423-3588
- Chris Rostron, Chair of Wetland Link International (WLI), UK, tel. +44 (0) 7906 564 641 — <http://wli.wwt.org.uk>
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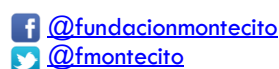
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NGO Entreprenourships:



VisitSugamuxi
Travel Guide
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Hostel Xieti
Lake Tota
xieti.abctota.org



ABC Tota
Wetland Centre
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