Project Update: August 2009

We have been doing the monitoring in Ecuador every month. So far we have found dozens of protected species on sale online in Ecuador. Capuchin monkeys, marmosets, all sorts of parrots, different species of turtles and ocelots are common in this kind of trade. There are also several non native species for sale, both as derivatives and alive (e.g. chimpanzees, lions, servals and African grey parrots among other animal species).

We found several offers from Cameroon, Kenya and the UK, which are probably false ones. The same bogus offers appear commonly in Europe. They usually can be recognised by the lack of the basic knowledge of Spanish language.

We intend to finish this e-monitoring in the agreed deadline. The report will be printed to be delivered at the 15th Conference of the Parties of CITES, in March 2010 in Qatar.

