

## Project Update: December 2014

Revegetation Workshops at the Planet Drum greenhouse and in the field were attended by 450 local students from five different regional educational institutions. The workshops involve students directly in the ecological restoration process, educating them about the importance of the Dry Tropical Forest ecosystem, producing trees at the greenhouse, and providing the opportunity to distribute native trees.

Greenhouse production since May 2014 has surpassed 9,000 trees, 2,000 of which have been donated to interested parties for planting.

One of the greenhouse ramadas was tripled in size to accommodate larger groups of visitors and provide more storage space for supplies.

Seeds from a dozen forest and fruit species were collected, prepared and seeded. More recycled plastic bottles were acquired and all of the necessary materials for continued tree production are on hand.

In anticipation of the approaching rainy season, strategic partners throughout Manabi province are being contacted for tree distribution and planting campaigns.

Photos:



During a Revegetation Workshop, Ecuador Program Director Clay Plager-Unger explains tree planting methods to visiting students who will take trees to plant at their homes.



Orlando instructs volunteers on building techniques with bamboo and thatch while expanding the shade and storage ramada at the greenhouse.