

Project Update: October 2015

Since January, 2015 I have been collecting a lot of beautiful seeds that are being separated from leaves and other materials that fall into the traps. I will continue collecting the material until February, 2016. All the seeds are separated and stored in cellophane bags for identification of the species. With the collaboration of two experts we will identify the seeds in the next few months. Now I am working on satellite images of both regions to obtain the landscape metrics that will be used to explain the seeds diversity in the fragments. Two students have been involved in the project and learned about natural regeneration and the fascinating diversity and forms of tropical rainforest seeds. I also attended to the RSG Mexico Conference (February, 2015) to present the work and meet other conservation efforts in Mexico.



Figure 1. Seed traps hanging from the trees in a tropical rainforest fragment in southern Mexico.



Figure 2. Local field assistants from Los Tuxtlas and Lacandona collecting seeds from the seed traps.



Figure 3. Students helping to separate some seeds in Los Tuxtlas field station.