

Project Update: May 2016

During April and May 2016:

1. We conducted two main field trips for sample collection in western Cuba.
 - To Artemisa province. Five rivers and streams were visited. We found *Limia vittata* populations in three of them.
 - To Isla de la Juventud and “Los Canarreos” Archipelago. We found *Limia* in the six visited localities.
2. We presented partial results from our work in the “III Encuentro Científico sobre Diversidad Biológica” BiodiverSOS 2016 (“III Scientific Event of Biological Diversity”) at the Sancti Spiritus Botanical Garden, Cuba
3. We gave talks to undergraduate students of Biology from the Universidad Central de Las Villas “Marta Abreu”, in central Cuba.

Similarly, we gave talks and we carried out training activities with the technical staff from the Floristic Reserve Sabanas de Santa Clara. Both activities were in collaboration with grantee Tomás Michel Rodríguez Cabrera (Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund). He is conducting a project on the conservation of Cuban endemic scorpions in this region.

4. We elaborated and produced several copies of one poster on the Cuban endemic fishes and one field guide to the identification of our native ichthyofauna. We distributed these materials to the staff from the visited protected areas and local community people, as well as during our presentation at the event and to biology students. Likewise, we distributed copies of the posters about the main threats to Cuban freshwater fish fauna.



Left: Collection site of *Limia vittata* in Guanimar, Artemisa province. Photograph by Sheila Rodríguez. Right: The project leader during the “III Encuentro Científico sobre Diversidad Biológica” BiodiverSOS 2016, Sancti Spiritus province. Photograph by Tomás M. Rodríguez



Left & Right: Capacity building with undergraduate students from the Universidad Central de Las Villas “Marta Abreu”, Villa Clara province. Photograph by Tomás M. Rodríguez



Left & Right: Capacity building with the technical staff from the Floristic Reserve Sabanas de Santa Clara, Villa Clara province. Photograph by Tomás M. Rodríguez