

Project Update: March 2016

The goal of Planet Drum's project is to promote grassroots ecological restoration and community-based environmental education. February 23rd was the 17th anniversary of Bahía de Caráquez's declaration as an ecological city, and provided the perfect opportunity for local environmental groups to share their work with local residents.

The road in front of city hall was closed to traffic and everyone who passed through the centre of town had the opportunity to visit stands and learn about regional ecological projects.

Planet Drum donated nearly 300 fruit trees (Pechiche, Chirimoya, Guayaba, Guanabano, Tamarindo, Cereza, and Papaya) to eager recipients, who took their trees to their homes for planting. The trees were a big attraction and also sparked a myriad of conversations about local tree species, planting techniques, reforestation, and a number of contacts were made for potential collaborators in Planet Drum's revegetation and bioregional education projects.



Planet Drum Field Foreman Orlando Arias explains to local residents about the different species of native trees that we distributed during an ecological city open house exhibition.



Planet Drum Ecuador Program Director Clay Plager-Unger passes out a Guanabano tree to a local resident during the Bahía Ecocity 17th anniversary celebration.