

Project Update: September 2016

Bahía de Caráquez and the region are still recovering from serious earthquakes in April 2016. Much of the centre city has been torn down and people are struggling to rebuild their houses and lives. Thousands still live in refugee camps and the government recovery efforts have been painfully slow.

One of the main buildings at the Catholic University will be demolished, and the Planet Drum greenhouse is being relocated away from that construction work.

Despite all of this, a group of students visited Planet Drum, and we continue to produce and give away trees in donation campaigns. Many people understand the importance of tree planting, especially where there are risks of erosion. Tree donation campaigns are very popular and many local residents have expressed the desire to plant trees as part of their rebuilding process.

As part of the recovery, we are working to protect and restore the natural surroundings.

CAPTIONS:



Left: Intern Nicolas delivers native fruit trees directly to Bahía residents via eco-taxi. Right: Clay Plager-Unger talks to students from the Eloy Alfaro High School Ecological Club about native tree revegetation.