## **Project Update: October 2016**

I am back from Estacao Ecologica de Guapiacu (REGUA) having done fieldwork. There, I offered a mini lecture for children about my research project and the importance of palms and their functions as sources of food for several animals in the forest and how it is important to preserve these plant-animal interactions for the equilibrium and maintenance of the forest.

The children are from the community that lives around the reserve, and they are participant of the Youth Ranger programme from REGUA that began thanks to The Rufford Foundation too and is still on, since 2002, whose aim is to educate young people about conservation and environmental conscience and management.

