

Project Update: May 2016

As the project advances into the fourth week of the 2016 field season, we are able to provide some updates. Unfortunately, our collaborator, Joshua LaPergola, suffered a fall from a tree climbing accident that has forced him to end his field season early. Josh's injuries were severe but much less so than initially feared, and we are happy to announce that he is expected to make a full recovery.

In brighter news, I gave an introductory presentation about my investigations at the Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo. Several students expressed interest in joining the project as volunteers during the summer months. While a permanent field technician has not yet been found, I contracted a local handyman to construct cattle enclosures. Half the fences have been completed and the others are expected to be finished this week. Data collection from active seed traps and seedling census plots is now underway!

