

## Project Update: December 2017

In the beginning of this study we had some problems. The fruit season of *Euterpe edulis* had been reduced because the rain period was shorter than expected. Hence we had to wait until the green fruit ripened and lost some months. But the fruit collection was done and the seeds were planted in laboratory and the seedlings were transferred to Atlantic Forests in the Parque Nacional da Serra dos Órgãos (Parnaso) and Reserva Ecologica de Guapiaçu (Regua) in to groups, one inside the cages (to avoid herbivory) and another without cages to evaluate the local herbivory pressure. Actually we are analysing the survival of palm saplings.



Left: *E. edulis* with flowers and fruits. Right: Fruits of *E. edulis* collected.



Left: Seedlings emergence in vermiculite. Right: Seedlings planted inside and outside the cages.