

Project Update: February 2019

Since the last update, we have continue with divulgation activities, focusing on social network publications. We have created an Instagram page (@proyectoranaandinaaustral). However, no more potential registers for the species were received by social networks.

The communication with the local authorities of Secretaría de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sustentable have led to great news. The project was declared of interest by the authorities, who also provides some help in logistic. We are still waiting to the Ministerio de Educación for a response.

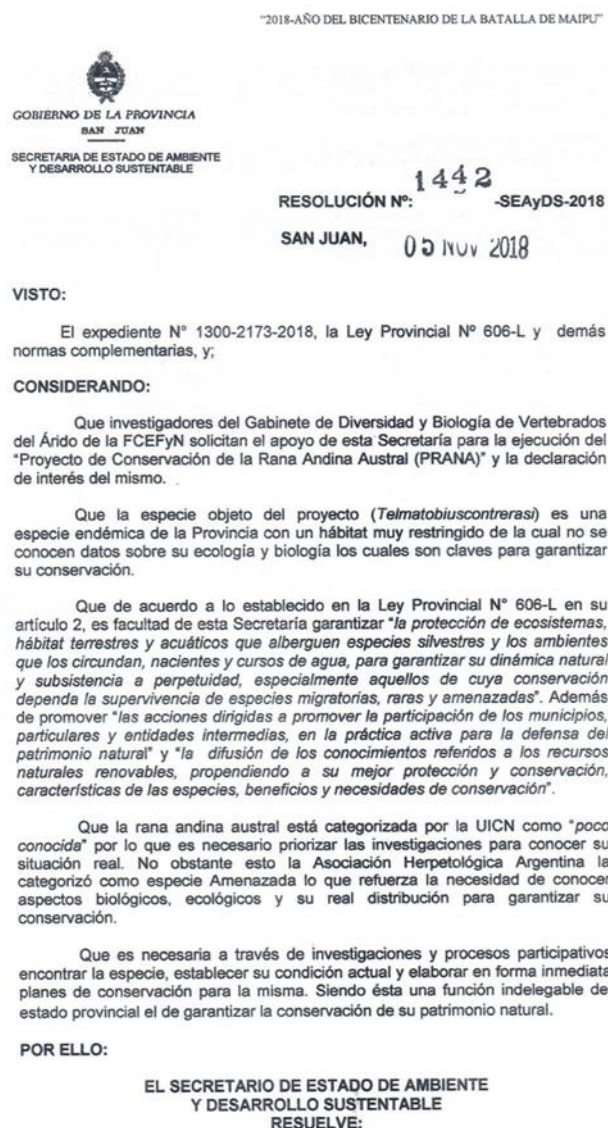


Fig. 1: Declaration of interest of the PRANA (Proyecto Rana Andina Austral) by the local authorities of Secretaría de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sustentable

We also have made two field trips to the Gualcamayo location. In both expeditions we carried out free and active search in every potential microhabitats. Unfortunately we didn't find the frog.



Fig. 2 – 7: Some pictures taken during fieldwork. 2) Pictures of the type locality, the only place where the frog had been founded. 3) Picture of the camp. 4) Taking measures of water temperature from a small pond where we could observe tadpoles of *Rhinella spinulosa*. 6) One of the team members looking for the frog during night surveys. 7) An individual adult of *Rhinella spinulosa*. 8) One of the team members looking for the frog during day surveys.

During field trips, we also took the opportunity to talk with local people. We could talk with four different persons, and every conversations were helpful. Everybody agrees that they haven't seen the frog for a long time, although they didn't look for it. One of them offered to accompany us in the following expeditions. He knows the place very well, and also he have seen the frog in two different localities, so we look forward to join us.

We registered water temperature in two different streams. We check for the presence of exotic fishes in the streams, and we didn't find any fish species yet.