

Progress Report IV

Developing Communal Monitoring Strategies through community-based tourism in the Peruvian Amazon

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Publishing plan : We plan to publish the results in two online platforms:
<http://www.speclab.org/> and <http://www.lamingaturistica.com/>

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Period: October (1st) and Oct (30th), 2018.

We developed the following activities according to the approved fellowship:

1) To enhance monitoring strategies of wildlife in the protected area.

Activity Program: Community Patrols and Reports

From July, 2018 to April, 2019, there are going to be a total of 20 patrols in the area of the communities of San Pedro and Diamante /7 de Julio, “Quebrada Blanco” – Blanco Creek, and 30 patrols in area of the community of El Chino, Tahuayo River.

- During the October, Gustavo Paima, community patroller responsible to report the activities did not sent to Evelyn Ruiz the Community Patrol or the Camera Trap Report. He sent the Camera Trap Memory Card. When those reports are available we will update the information.
- In the El Chino photographs we can see tourism from the private operator: Amazon & Expeditions Tours (A&E Tours) using the trail to visit the nearby lake and the Community Patrollers checking on the camera.
- In the month of October, the community of Diamante/7 de Julio, in the Quebrada Blanco, communicate to the Patroller in El Chino, that they did not want to participate in the patrolling anymore and returned the camera. According to Gustavo Paima (El Chino) and Freddy Flores (San Pedro), community patrollers), the community of Diamante/7 de Julio did not want to conduct more patrols because the water level was low and it was difficult for them to conduct the patrols. Later communication confirm they will participate next month. The pictures from Quebrada Blanco, correspond to a few days in the San Pedro jurisdiction.

El Chino (Tahuayo)







Quebrada Blanco (Diamante/7 de Julio and San Pedro)



2) To diversify community-based tourism products.

In order to achieve this, we have developed along with Excelsa, a tourism product (first report) advertising to promote the tourism product.

- Evelyn Ruiz, reported during October, that there were to request of information of the Communities & Conservation product. However not booking was made.
- The links use to promote the product is:
<http://www.lamingaturistica.com/communities-conservation/>
<https://www.facebook.com/LaMingaTuristica/>
- We have re-activated the Instagram account of the Association: #LaMingaPeru.

Figure 1. The summary of the website report from the last 30 days

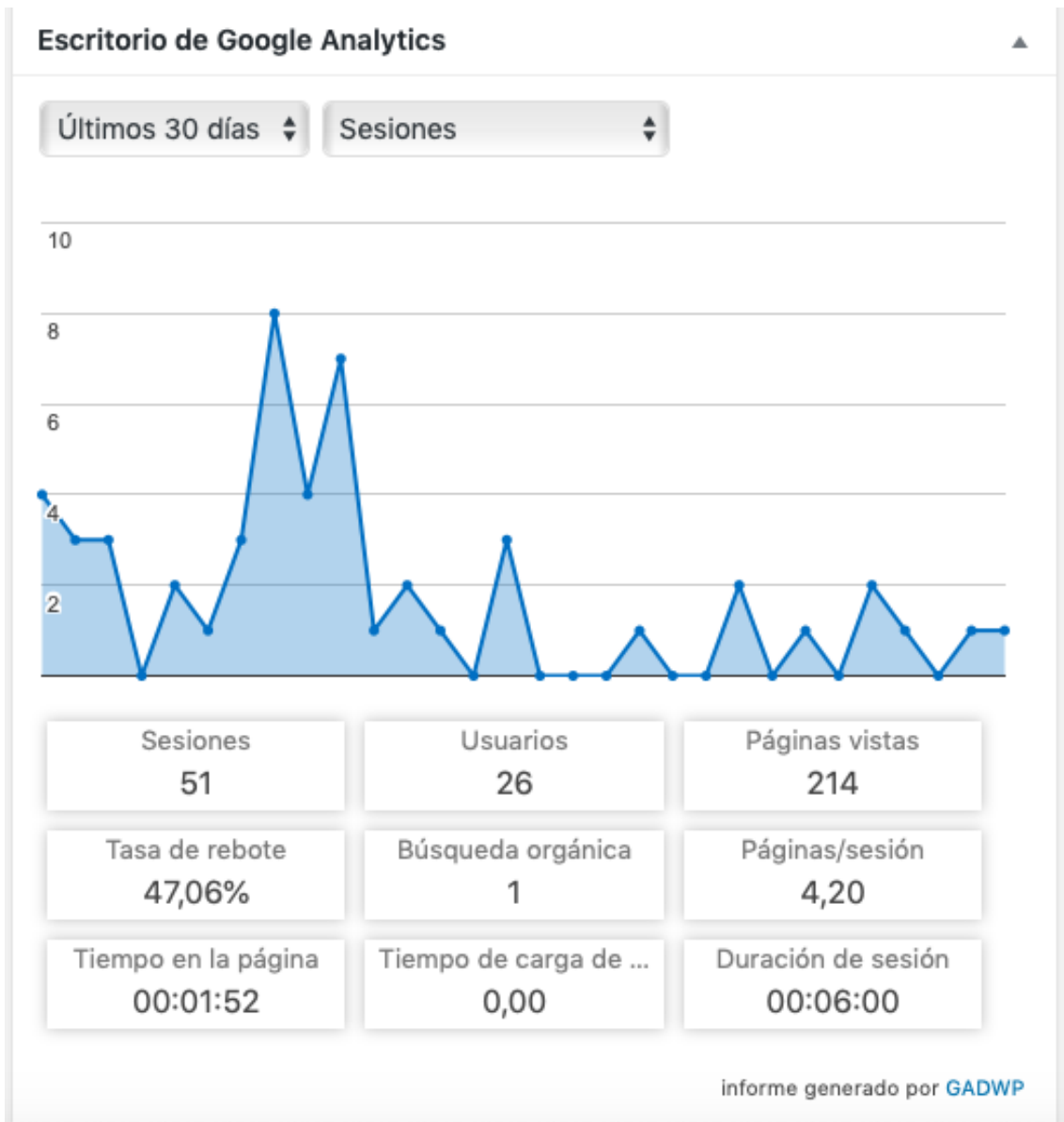


Figure 2. The summary of the website report from the last 30 days from the posting of the product: Communities & Conservation

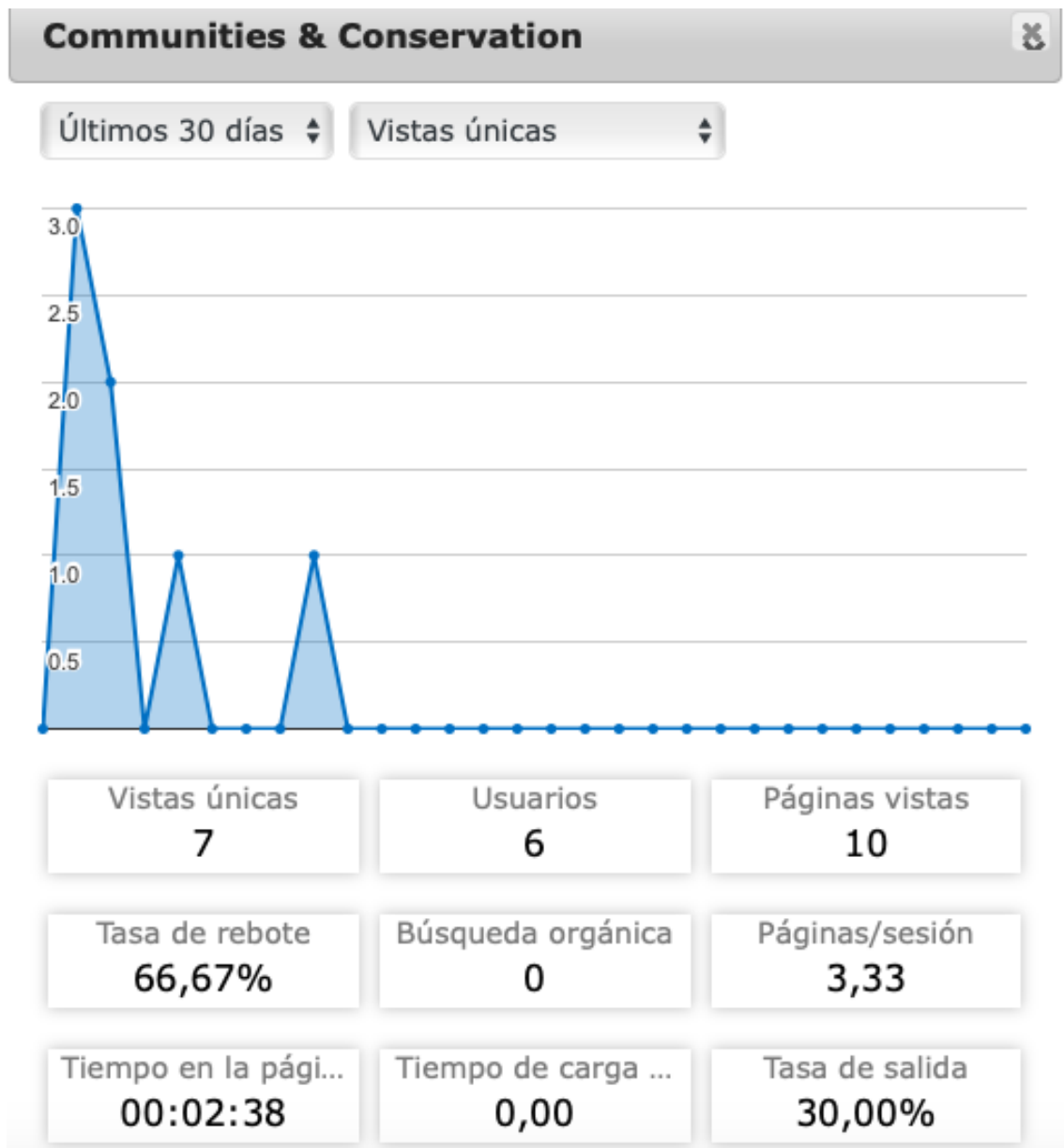
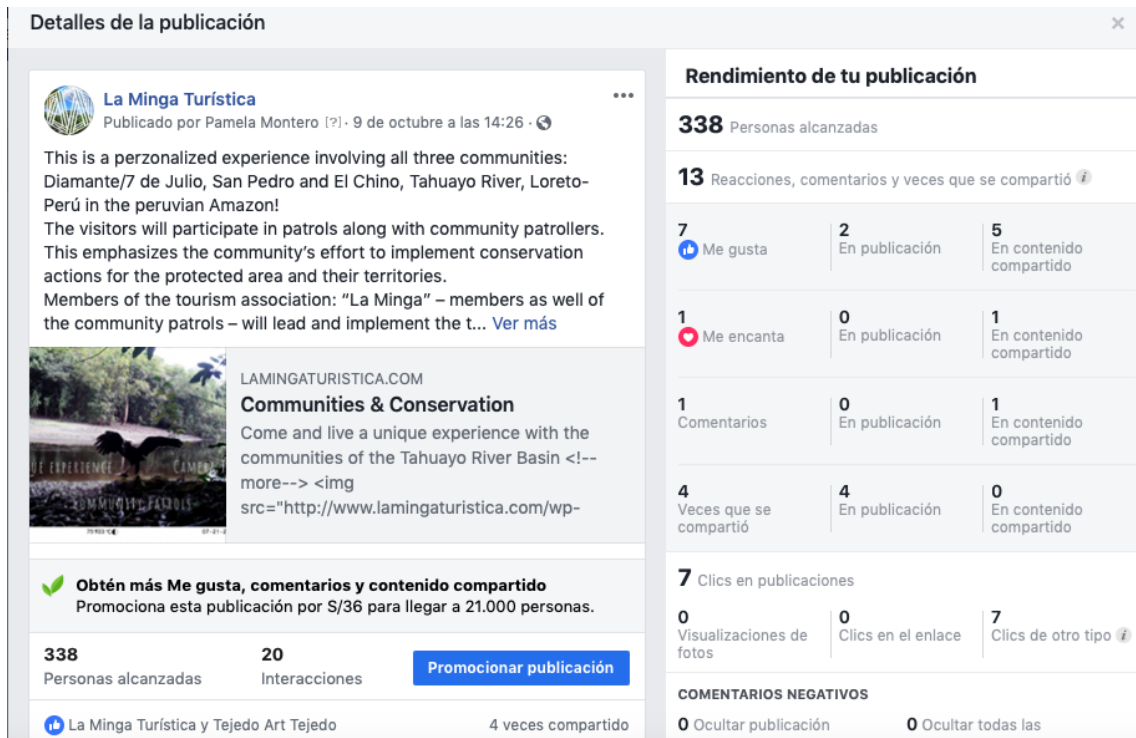


Figure 3. The summary of the accumulative facebook fanpage report visiting the link to the Conservation & Tourism Product



Next steps:

- To continue to implement patrolling and monitoring wildlife with the use of Camera Traps
- To update species Data Base & Photographic Printed Records.
- To continue to monitoring tourism product online response.