

Project Update: October 2023

Objective 1

1.1 Semi-structured interviews with local families in Chaco and Santiago del Estero.



We conducted 116 semi-structured interviews with the local community to identify the species of large terrestrial mammals, the areas where they are found, those that hold nutritional value for the local community. The interviewees were adult heads of households, and we interviewed one per household.

The analysis of the results from Objective 1 is currently underway and will be presented at the XV CIMFAUNA in November 2023. It will also be published in a scientific journal in February 2023.

Objective 2: Diet monitoring

2.1 Initial workshop to present the general idea and adapt it with input from the local communities.

We conducted participatory workshops with the local communities of the Chaco Seco Association, the El Jabalí Association and the UPPSAN Association to initiate diet monitoring focused on wildlife. We began these workshops in July 2023 and are currently ongoing.

2.2 Together with the local communities, we designed the registration forms for monitoring wild meat consumption and diet.

This objective is currently in progress.

Chaco Seco Association



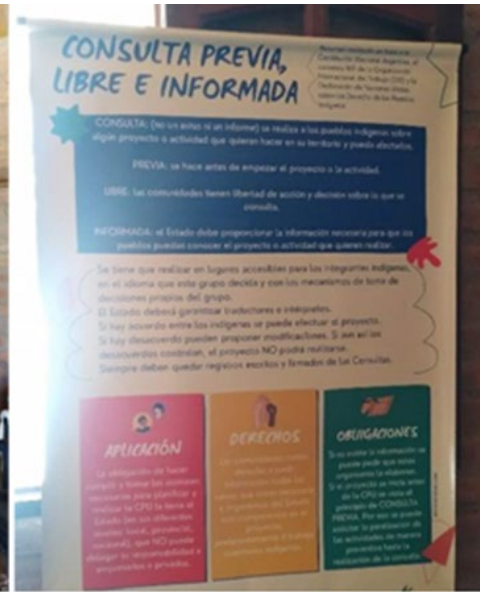
El Jabaí Association



Uppsan Association



With the indigenous Wichi community of Nueva Población, we conducted a free, prior, and informed consultation workshop to inform them about the activities to be developed. Free, prior, and informed consultation is a process that enables us to establish an intercultural dialogue with indigenous communities to determine whether the community approves the implementation of the subject of the consultation. (October 2022)



Participatory workshop with the women of the Wichi community to initiate diet monitoring focused on wildlife (May 2023). Diet monitoring is ongoing.



Objective 3: Participatory Mapping of hunting territories

3.1 We initiated a workshop with the Wichi community to create a cartographic sketch for identifying hunting sites (November and December 2022 – May 2023).

3.2 We have been visiting the hunting sites with members of the Wichi community. This began in November and is ongoing to the present day.



3.3 To digitise the hunting sites, we initiated training for young individuals from the Wichi community in the use of GPS devices. The training commenced in April 2023 and is currently in progress. The primary objective of these training sessions is to empower the young members of the community with the skills to operate GPS devices and enable them to georeference their territories in order to create their own maps. This started in November 2023 and continues.



Additionally, the community requested the initiation of wildlife monitoring to detect the presence of wildlife in their territories. This activity was conducted following the methods outlined by Camino et al. (2017). We organised a participatory workshop to design the wildlife monitoring data sheet. While georeferencing the hunting territories, we carried out wildlife monitoring, during which we identified various types of wildlife traces within the territory. Each detected trace was georeferenced by the young people and recorded on the data sheet.



