

Project Update: July 2010

The production of *Araucaria* seeds in the study area started in April 2010. In the beginning of May 2010, we estimated seed availability in control areas as 241kg per area. Weekly seed removal is being carried out since April 2010, with the assistance of local people. Until May 30, 375 kg of seeds was collected in the four removal areas (mean of 93 ± 17 kg per area).

We completed small mammal sampling in the pre-harvest period (January – March 2010), and carried out one sampling in the post-harvest period (May 2010). So far, 400 individuals of nine small mammal species were captured 1047 times. As expected, there were no significant differences in biomass, abundance and richness of small mammals between control and removal sites in the pre-harvest period. Differences in the post-harvest period are currently being evaluated.