

### Project Update: February 2012

Establishing plantings in former cattle pastures in the tropics is a constant challenge. After fighting extended droughts, brutal herbivore attacks and accidental cattle trampling some of plantings had to be replaced. However some of our survivors started to fruit this past January and most of the planted cuttings are establishing well. This is a major success in our project. An additional reason of celebration is that some birds are coming into the plots and using our cuttings as perches. The movement of animals into our plots and through the landscape is the first step in the path to restore seed dispersal and connectivity.



Carica papaya fruit



Left: Bird on Ficus cutting. Right: Giant grasshopper on Spondias cutting.