

Amazonia Expeditions, the Tahuayo River lodges, the ACRCTT and Angels of the Amazon.

The interior forests off of the upper Tahuayo have long been noted for their abundant populations of primates. Many trappers worked here in the 1960-70s to collect primates for sale to the veterinary institute of Iquitos, IVITA which in turn sold them to biomedical researchers world-wide. It is said that from Tahuayo primates that we owe our vaccines for hepatitis. The Peruvian government noted the unusual number of primates produced by this region and so in the early 1980s Rogelio Castro and Pekka Soini, who later became renowned for his conservation work with Amazon turtles in the Pacaya Samiria, conducted the first primate population survey under the auspices of the Peruvian Veterinary Institute, IVITA. In 1984 University of Illinois primatologist Paul Garber and his student Richard Bodmer came from the United States to further study the mammalian ecology.

