

TROPIBIO trip to São Tomé and Príncipe

Expedition short report


When and who

When: October 6th to 22nd 2021

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Goals for the expedition

- Scout the islands and plan for projects to be developed there
 - Meet local entities and develop partnerships
 - Increase collaboration of Tropibio team with STP partners
 - Install LifePlan Project in São Tomé
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Activities in São Tomé

- Tropibio team met with CIAT (Centro de Investigação Agronómica e de Tecnologia) Vice Director Douglas Gama to present TROPIBIO and LifePlan and develop collaborations
- Tropibio team met with BirdLife to strengthen collaboration
- Tropibio team explored the Trail to Lagoa Amélia and visited the Botanical Garden



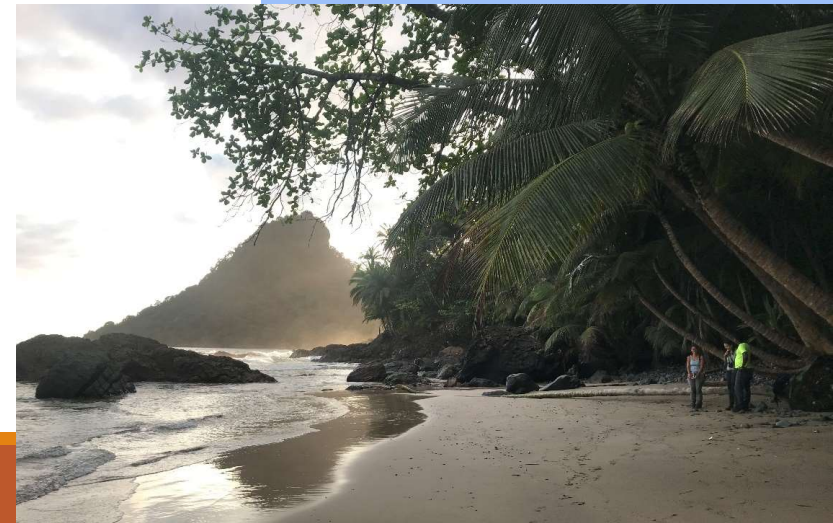
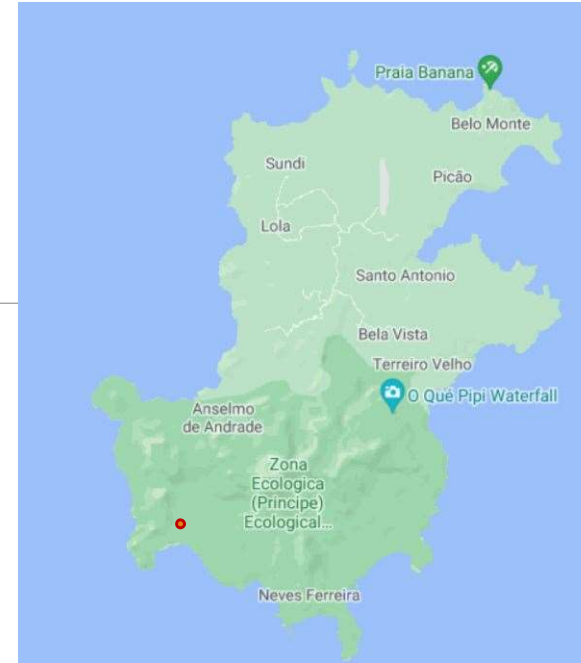
Activities in São Tomé

- Tropibio team met with CECAB (Organic cocoa cooperative) Vice President Aureliano Pires and with CECAC-11 (Quality organic cocoa cooperative) President Adalberto Luís to foster collaboration.
- During these meetings, the Tropibio team gained important insights about cocoa pests and overall cocoa production in São Tomé.



Activities in Príncipe

- Tropibio team met with Director Estrela Matilde of the Fundação to discuss joint projects
- Tropibio team took a field trip to Praia Cará to see primary forest and look for the critically endangered Príncipe Thrush
- Tropibio team took an excursion to Morro the Leste to see the Príncipe thrush



Final activities in São Tomé

- Trip to South of the island (Monte Carmo, São João de Angolares)
- Visit to Monte Café
- Visit to CECAB facilities
- LifePlan set up in CIAT



Main outcomes

This exploratory trip to São Tomé e Príncipe allowed the TROPIBIO team to assess areas for future studies on both islands, and to meet with local partners and government authorities connected either to cocoa plantations or scientific research.

The Tropibio team successfully implemented the LifePlan Project in São Tomé with the collaboration of CIAT – Centro de Investigação Agronómica e de Tecnologia.



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