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Abbreviations used:
CUW Weekend – Clean Up the World Weekend
WED – World Environment Day

kgs – kilograms
m² – square metres
km – kilometres

ARGENTINA

Cuerpo de Guarda Ambiente Honorario Municipal

For World Environment Day, the Cuerpo de Guarda Ambiente Juvenil and high school students from Cesar Milstein college organised a clean up of the main plaza in Córdoba. These groups held many environment focused activities throughout the year, teaching the public about urban solid waste. The waste removal company from Cliba, the Urban Hygiene Director, the Director of Neighbourhood Issues and

the Health & Environment Sub Secretary participated in these events. Cuerpo de Guarda Ambiente Honorario Municipal also focused on informing the public with promotional material about the new waste collection program.

Local support provided by:
Municipalidad de Córdoba.

Escuadra Jesuítica Santa María de la Gendarmería Infantil

In commemoration of World Environment Day and Native Forest Day the scouts group

Escuadra Jesuítica Santa María de la Gendarmería Infantil held a drawing competition. The artworks were to reflect the children's natural environment and as the participants come from different locations throughout Concepcion de la Sierra, the artworks varied greatly. An award ceremony followed the judging of the artworks. The scouts also began the construction of a greenhouse and nursery and they made some tools out of recycled materials.

Escuela María Josefa Gonzalez Casero

The María Josefa Gonzalez Casero school has run many activities and events this year involving other schools, community members and legislators in order to promote environmental conservation. Its campaign involved the entire education community. Children participated in a slogan contest. One slogan was chosen concerning the care of rivers and another regarding tree preservation. Stickers were produced with these slogans and distributed to residents of two cities. Other programs included neighbourhood and river clean ups, literature competitions, recycling and radio programs and workshops where children formed environmental brigades.

Local support provided by:
Municipalidad de Pilar y de Río Segundo, ALMACOR, Cooperativa de Electricidad y Servicios Públicos de Costa Sacate, Lácteos LA NUEVA, Pinturerías PICATTO.

Fundación 6 de Junio

Fundación 6 de Junio observed the accumulating waste found in the River Chirjra and the adjoining suburbs of Chijra, Campo Verde, 9 de Julio and Suipacha. They found plenty of organic and inorganic waste spilling onto streets. Time was then spent interviewing residents about their attitudes towards waste. Local residents said locals and outsiders throw waste into the river or burn waste as the collection truck does not visit their neighbourhood.

Fundación AVES

On World Environment Day, Fundación AVES launched the CUW campaign and called for institutions, community groups and schools to sign up for an environmentally focused activity which they must implement themselves. 8 groups conducted activities. These included tree plantings, clean ups, expositions and recycling activities. Fundación AVES coordinated the campaign and offered information talks, material and publicised the events. These actions influenced the Health and Environment Department to initiate a plastics recycling program.

Fundación Reserva Natural - Puerto Mar del Plata

Fundación Reserva Natural works to promote the conservation and preservation of the Natural Reserve Puerto Mar del Plata which is a protected area. In 2005 they held clean ups on two occasions, gathering

a total of 400 kgs of waste. Throughout the year they led groups around the reserve explaining the importance of the wetlands and of respectful behaviour towards nature and the environment. For World Bird Day the group held a bird observation tour, pointing out the importance of birds as environmental indicators. Coverage of events by local, regional and national press were once again vital in the development of the campaign.

Grupo Ecologico Sendero Ambiental

Chos Mala is a city situated in the north of Neuquén. On October 27, 7 schools participated in a clean up event in this area. Discarded drink bottles, aerosol cans, aluminium cans, animal remains, discarded clothing and guttering were collected. The Grupo Ecologico Sendero Ambiental prepared the participants for the event by showing videos, distributing brochures and talking about the benefits of living in a clean environment. 3,000 plants of varying species were planted

Argentina – Grupo Ecologico Sendero Ambiental



in 3 areas in celebration of the campaign, "Green Cities, Green Communities".

Local support provided by: Rosamel Navarrete, Carlos Ormazabal, Sonia Loncoman, Rudecinda Godoy, Jorge Lagos, Eduardo Giuliani, Hector Ormazabal, Vicente Medel, Alfredo Meades, Mario Mendez, Dagoberto Fuentes, Omar Fuentes.

Instituto Adelia Maria

From July through to November, the school, Instituto Adelia Maria located in Córdoba, ran investigations, productions and broadcastings about the problems caused by plastic bags and waste in general. They ran an awareness campaign emphasising the correct use and care of potable water and another which highlighted responsible management of agrochemicals. On November 25, 340 students and staff participated in a clean up of waste and collection of batteries.

Local support provided by: Municipalidad de Adelia Maria, Ra 5 Radio Adelia Maria, Panorama 10 Televisión, 91.01 FM del Sol Radio y 81.09 Radio Adelia Maria.

Instituto Martin Rivadavia

Professor Susana Garcia of the Martin Rivadavia Institute runs environmental workshops. This year she ran two clean up events on "Beach 99" during the CUW Weekend and on October 20. She assigned groups of students and staff to collect certain types of waste. "Stella Maris" is an urban area situated alongside this beach. Industrial parks surround the town and contribute largely to

the contamination of the coast. Town sewage flows into the sea and people use the beach as an anonymous dumping site. These clean up events have attracted the attention of the municipality and neighbourhood associations who previously ignored the pollution problems. Students made and placed warning and information signs regarding litter and the environment in public areas.

Jardin de Infantes No.118

In order to initiate 3-5 year old children to environmental care and awareness issues, Jardin de Infantes No.118 ran over 10 CUW events and activities in Sunchales, Santa Fe. The kindergarten strives to equip students and their families with the knowledge and skills to interact responsibly with others and the environment. Jardin de Infantes No.118 invited local NGOs and other schools to participate in activities that included; paper and bottle separation and recycling programs, tree planting, classroom activities such as waste collages, paper maché, poem recitals, theatrical performances, poster creation and finally the dissemination of information throughout the community, regarding environmentally friendly practices.

Náutico Escobar Country Club, Subcomision de Medio Ambiente

A variety of activities was programmed by Náutico Escobar Country Club, Subcomision de



Bahamas – Environmental Learning for the Future

Medio Ambiente throughout 2005 to ensure involvement by a cross section of the Club's members. In September, 80 children between the ages of 2 and 12 participated in a clean up of the Náutico Escobar Natural Reserve. In October, 30 members attended a workshop on the flora and fauna of the River Plate. In November, 15 members participated in a bird watching tour. The Country Club is working hard to restore and maintain their surrounding natural areas. Children are included in a tree caring program and volunteers have replaced exotic flora that appeared in the natural reserve with native plants.

Puerto Madryn te limpia

On November 11, 1st and 3rd grade students from Colegio Provincial No. 710 participated in a beach clean up. They removed cigarette butts, paper, plastics, glass and clothing. The school chose to approach the

subject of coastal care and waste management in Puerto Madryn. They combined their community focused school program with the CUW campaign and presented an ordinance model to council for discussion. Puerto Madryn te limpia would like to thank the municipality's Environment Secretary, school staff, volunteers, Juan Chagallo and Rodrigo Gimenez.

Other Member(s) in Argentina

Agrupacion "AHONIKENK" de Gendarmeria Infantil, Agrupación Ambientalista 'Conciencia', Asociacion Amigos de la Reserva Yaguaroundi, Asociacion Civil Red Ambiental, Colegios Madres Escolapias - R. Rojas, V. Ree and M. Waisman, Eco Club - Escuela 436, Escuadron 31 "Las Lajas" Gendarmeria Nacional Argentina, Escuadron 32 "Alumine" Gendarmeria Nacional Argentina, Escuela Rural de la Ciudad de Maipu, G.E.A.S, Gendarmeria

Nacional Argentina - El Bolson, Gendarmeria Nacional Argentina - Neuquen, GRUPO ECOMANIA, Guardaparque Por Un Dia, Honorable Concejo Deliberante de SM De Tucuman, Municipalidad de Villa Mercedes - San Luis, PRO-ECO Grupo Ecologista Asociacion Civil, Tu Tambien.

BAHAMAS

Environmental Learning for the Future

Environmental Learning for the Future is initiating clean ups and environmental programs at many levels in the Bahamas. They have met with companies and civic groups to encourage the commencement of recycling. They hope to soon be implementing environmental programs in schools. They have already had the help of 3 primary schools in the lead up to a clean up day carried out on September 17. 200 people collected 296 bags of waste from coastal areas. Plastic take away containers and bottles were the main type of waste found. *Local support provided by: Ministry of Tourism, H.M Christie, Bradford Marine.*

BOLIVIA

Member(s) in Bolivia

TEN YEARS

10 *Asociacion de Scouts de Bolivia*
 PARTICIPATION *de Bolivia*
Fundacion Apachita.



BRAZIL

Canto Ecológico

During the CUW Weekend Canto Ecológico held a seminar to discuss its fight against bomb fishing. Canto Ecológico has pressured authorities so that bomb fishing would be made illegal in the village of Cacha-Pregos. Two days were also dedicated to cleaning a nearby island and beach. 53 coconut trees were planted on the island. Volunteers collected 50 bags of waste. During the year Carlos and Gabi, coordinators of the group, converted the first floor of their home into a library for the village children. The library will have an environmental awareness focus but there will also be books and videos on many subjects.

Escola Municipal de Ensino Fundamental 21 de Abril (EMEF)

EMEF is a rural school in the state of Rio Grande do Sul. 111 students are taught by 16 teachers. EMEF celebrated CUW 2005 as a new member. On September 7 they held a parade and a clean up around the school. Students learnt about how to protect the environment and about the separation of waste. The plastic waste collected was later recycled. During the year, the school had a visit from a tree club named "Instituto Souza Cruz" who planted seeds of native trees.

Federacao de Bandeirantes do Brasil

825 guides, adults and volunteers took part in CUW activities on

September 18 in the Brazilian states of Pará, São Paulo, Sergipe and Bahia. They held clean ups, nature preservation campaigns, ecological hikes, tree plantings and excursions to the zoo. Children and residents learnt about deforestation, the importance of keeping public areas clean, animal rights, recycling and how to re-use recycled material.

Local support provided by: SOS Billings, Departamento Agropecuario del Estado de Sergipe, Compañía de Autobús Ciudad de Aracaju, Instituto Brasileño del Medio Ambiente y de los recursos Naturales Renovables, Sr Gilian, Profesor Rubens.

Grupo Escoteiro Arno Friedrich

Grupo Escoteiro Arno Friedrich concentrated on two events in June. On June 4, they held a science fair in Lindóia, Porto Alegre with "Water: Awareness and fun" being the main theme. 3 schools and members of the public participated in environment workshops. On June 4 and 5, the non government organisation, Biguá organised a canoe trip and tree planting in which Grupo Escoteiro Arno Friedrich, other scouts groups and members of the public participated. The event involved 50 volunteers in canoes travelling between Barra do Ribeiro/RS and Usina do Gasômetro. Native plants were then planted on the shores of Guaíba River.

KOKA SUB Dive Centre

During the CUW Weekend the KOKA SUB Dive Centre held underwater and on-shore clean up activities in Ilha Grande, Rio de Janeiro. 35 divers and 25 non-divers removed 100 kgs of waste including plastic bottles and batteries. The plastic bottles were recycled and sold. The money was used to create educational material that will be distributed to local residents.

Local support provided by: CRESSI.

caring for the environment. They were also shown how to collect, separate and weigh waste. On September 17 the clean up was carried out by 150 volunteers. The recyclable waste was donated to the waste collectors and the non-recyclable waste was collected by the Urbana (agency responsible for the waste collection in the city).

Brazil – Canto Ecológico



ONG OCEÂNICA Pesquisa Educação e Conservação

80 volunteers interested in participating in CUW attended information lectures at the Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte organised by ONG OCEÂNICA Pesquisa Educação e Conservação. Volunteers were advised on how they should approach swimmers during the CUW campaign and how to educate them about

Local support provided by: Ecocil, Ocean Laboratory/UFRN, Mad Dogs, Gaia Consultoria Ambiental, Beterraba restaurant, Mormaço bar and Jeep Ação.

Partido Verde

On September 24, Partido Verde managed to clean 33 kms of beach in Bertioga. From Forte São João to Boracéia the group as well as community members and fishermen cleared litter that is often left by visitors. 1,000

kgs of waste was gathered including cigarette butts, plastic and papers.

Local support provided by: Indesc; RES BRASIL; Tudoembertioga; Clínica Irmão Sol; Armazem geral; Borghese; Padaria Manolo; Ótica Nova Bertioga; CDL; Camping do Cantão; Intervel; Madeira Portal Kit; Quiosque do Pedrinho.

Programa na Praia - On The Beach Program

On September 17, Programa na Praia, Projeto Limpeza na Praia and Instituto Ecológico Aqualung – IEA carried out a record clean up event in 4 locations across Brazil. 1,380 volunteers came together from all walks of life to collect 7 tonnes of waste. The event received print, TV and radio coverage. The group is rapidly increasing support for and interest in CUW in Brazil.

Local support provided by: National Geographic Channel, Fox Latin America Channel, Secretaria de Meio Ambiente do Cabo Frio, Mucura and RJ, AMA Cabo Frio, Hotéis Marina, JW Marriott Hotel RJ, Sheraton Barra, Caesar Park Hotel, Renaissance São Paulo Hotel, Renaissance Costa do Sauípe Resort Bahia, Costa do Sauípe Marriott Resort & Spa, Hotel Intercontinental, ANTILHAS, RJRefrescos, Coca-Cola, Green Automóveis, Toyota, Bingo Ipanema, SESC RJ, EcoAttitude, RES, Colégio Saint John, Fun Dive, Outback SteakHouse, 35 Anos Ultraset, Supervideo Productions, Amigança Productions, Aqualittera, Air Show, ABIH-RJ, Ipanema 24 Hours.

R. Ribeiro

Colina do Aleixo in the Amazon was the location chosen by 60 volunteers and their coordinator R.Ribeiro to remove waste from around the river, speak to locals about the environment and plant trees around the main square on September 17. The City Hall Environment Department sent a group of people specialised in environmental education to assist the volunteers. 920 kgs of waste was collected. An exposition of objects was also created from recycled materials. Media support was received from "Amazonas em Tempo", Amazon Sat Channel and Tv Acritica Channel.

Local support provided by: Tape, Águacrim, Status, Rio Claro and Credrio, and Manaus City Hall.

Sementes do Viver

This year, Sementes do Viver organised several CUW activities. On September 16, 254 native hedge seedlings were planted in the Ilha do Sol, a reserve of Native Atlantic bush. On September 17, Silvio and Ana, coordinators of the group traveled by boat with another CUW member "Canto Ecologico" to "Barra Falsa" a sand bank island where plenty of ocean waste washes up. They were met with 40 volunteers and together they planted 37 coconut palm trees and collected waste. Another clean up and tree planting occurred on September 18 back at Ilha do Sol. 80 volunteers filled a truck with collected waste

which was later sent away for recycling.

Local support provided by: Grupo Ecológico Sementes do Viver, Grupo Canto Ecológico, Condomínio/ Loteamento Ilha do Sol.

Other Member(s) in Brazil

Associação dos Moradores de Tairu, Brigade 1, Care Brasil, Centro Federal de Educação Tecnológica del Río Grande del Norte, Cia da Aventura, Colegio Santo Americo, Escola Gaúcha de Surf - E.G.D.S, MATONG, Secretary of Environment - Aragarças, Semester at Sea.

CHILE

Red Nacional de Ecoclubes

In Chile, Red Nacional de Ecoclubes has 95 associate organisations that have implemented many strategies to involve the community in improving their health and environment. They have held clean ups which have also included tree plantings and mural paintings. Volunteers have distributed information to the public regarding responsible environmental practices and placed stands in public areas displaying information about reducing, reusing and recycling. *Local support provided by: Servicios de Salud Comunes (Arica, Padre Hurtado, Molina, Cauquenes y Tirua), Municipalidades (Ovalle, Diego Almagro, Huechuraba, Río Hurtado, Peñalolen, El Monte y San Carlos), Organizaciones Comunitarias (CHADENATUR de Chañaral y Club Ecológico de Peumo), Comunidades y Ecoclubes (Chol Chol).*

Other Member(s) in Chile

Junta de Vecinos Ta Cora, Unidad de Medio Ambiente.

COLOMBIA

Club Amigos de La Ecología

To commemorate World Environment Day, Club Amigos de la Ecología ran three clean up events for the residents of three neighbouring suburbs. The Canal Cafam was chosen as a location for cleaning as it flows into the Bogotá River and drags tonnes of waste into it. 227 volunteers collected 2,250 kgs of waste from around the canal. Plastics, paper, glass and aluminium were recycled. On June 12, the club held another clean up day through the streets of Sabana de Tibabuyes. 668.8 kgs of waste was collected. With these amounts of waste being collected, residents are becoming more aware of the consequences of littering and have therefore signed a pact of Good Faith to avoid more waste being dumped.

OpEPA

This year OpEPA coordinated the efforts of several groups in Colombia to organise CUW events in 5 locations throughout Colombia. 2,855 participants cleaned up a total of 26 tonnes from rivers, parks and local areas. Volunteers were from the police force, environmental authorities, public services, schools, the mayor's office, NGOs, civil defence service and citizens from the local areas. In Bogotá, Colombia's capital

city, a location was chosen close to Government House where a large amount of waste accumulates. The area was cleaned and then a beautiful mural painted. It is hoped that the local government will be inspired to create a playground and green area in this location. *Local support provided by: OpEPA, Coca Cola, Aseo Capital, Triple A, Aguas de Bogota, Asociacion de Acueductos Veredales de La Calera.*

Other Member(s) in Colombia
Agroindustrial Management & Consulting S.A. - AMC., Asociacion Civica por Colombia - Ecologica, Clean Planet, Colombia Ecologica, Fundación de Promotores Ambientales de Cordoba, Grupo Scout Yari 25 Colegio San Bartolomé la Merced, Un Mundo Llamado Ecologica - UMLLE, Verde Positivo.

Colombia – OpEPA



COSTA RICA

ACIAR

ACIAR organised a collection day of solid recyclable waste on September 17 in the district west of the capital city, San José. Recycling companies exhibited information about their programs. Native trees and T-Shirts were given to those people who handed in recyclable materials. More than 60 volunteers took part – university students, community leaders and from the recycling group 'Mata Redonda Recicla'. Also two dance and music groups participated in the event. Food was shared and MRR distributed compost that they had produced to the public.

Colegio Ambientalista El Roble de Alajuela

This environmental school awards other schools that provide a healthy environment for students and carry out environmental projects that reach out to the community with a blue ecological flag. The Colegio Ambientalista El Roble de Alajuela focused on a waste management project in 2005. This included a school clean up every Wednesday during February, a lecture about how solid waste management can prevent dengue fever, signing a waste management contract with the municipality and PET for PET collection, and creating a medicinal plants nursery.

Other Member(s) in Costa Rica
Asociación de Guías y Scouts, Movimiento Ambientalista Playa Grande.



CUBA

Centro de Investigaciones de Ecosistemas Costeros (CIEC)

Centro de Investigaciones de Ecosistemas Costeros has been creating much interest in CUW in Morón. They coordinated with departments of education, science & technology and universities to carry out many environmental awareness activities including holding clean up events in gardens, parks, city streets and beaches from which they collected 1,047 kgs of waste. Other activities included mural paintings and tree plantings. CIEC's efforts have resulted in an increase in recycling in their area and improvements in the environmental behaviour of businesses that operate in beach areas.

Local support provided by: Centro de Investigaciones de Ecosistemas Costeros, Ministerio de Ciencia, Tecnología y Medio Ambiente, Ministerio de Educación, Poder Popular municipal.

Gobierno Municipal De Playa

The Gobierno Municipal De Playa held events along the coastal areas of Playa and around the mouth of the river Quibú. These events were planned in celebration of Earth Day, World Environment Day and the CUW Weekend. 5,600 volunteers came from schools, neighbourhood areas, environmental institutions and community projects to clean

up waste, sing songs and learn about the environment. Children were interviewed by the press.

Local support provided by: Corporaciones Cubalse y CIMEX, Fábrica de Banderas de Playa, Prensa, Imprenta Palcograf, Fílmica Mundo Latino, Agua Los Portales, Revista PIONERO, Federación Cubana de Actividades Subacuáticas (FCAS), Instituto de Oceanología, Centro de Investigaciones Marinas, Acuario Nacional, Fundación Antonio Nuñez Jiménez de la Naturaleza y el Hombre, Talleres de Transformación Integral del Barrio, MINED, Materia prima y Comunales.

Other Member(s) in Cuba

Blanca Arena - Mar Azul (Secundaria Basica "Camilo Torres"), Escuela de Hotelería y Turismo de Varadero, Foro de Medio Ambiente Dr Jorge Ramon Cuevas, Limpiemos Santa Clara, Parque Nacional Jardines de la Reina, Salvemos la Tierra.

ECUADOR

Eco Club Los Delfines de Puerto el Morro

On April 22 and September 16, clean ups held by Eco Club Los Delfines de Puerto el Morro were carried out in the urban areas as well as the swamps and mangroves of Puerto El Morro. 500 people collected 20 kgs of waste, including mainly paper, plastic and glass. Two CUW events were held on September 17. These included a children's painting class with the theme "Puerto el Morro, a Green Community" and a tree planting

event. Students planted 90 trees in the local area.

Local support provided by: Capitanía de Puerto de Guayaquil y Posorja, Municipio de Guayaquil, Fundación Natura, Cámara de Turismo de Playas, Junta Parroquial El Morro.

Fundación Ecuador Sustentable

Fundación Ecuador Sustentable chose several strategic places to clean during the CUW Weekend. In the presence of the mayor and other politicians 3 major city parks were cleaned. They also targeted the country side. Molauco and Alangansi were areas chosen as they are environmentally rich yet have been turned into waste dumps. Molauco is one of the gateways into the Amazon. 300 kgs were collected. Quito City Council has also designed a clean up competition between suburbs that Fundación Ecuador Sustentable will facilitate and CUW will now be a campaign run monthly in Quito.

Local support provided by: BASF - Ecuador, La Camara de Comercio e Industria Ecuatoriana-Alemana, El Municipio de Quito.

Fundación Natura

Fundación Natura worked collaboratively with several local groups and businesses to carry out a clean up of their residential areas on September 17. 'Bastion Popular' is a marginalised urban area situated 9 kms north of Guayaquil. 400 volunteers strived to clear waterways and land of much waste. 700 kgs were collected.

The event received print, television and radio coverage and the day culminated with a ceremonial tree planting. This community project was able to educate inhabitants about the importance of caring for and conserving the environment. *Local support provided by: Consorcio Vachagnon, Agua Manantial, Pinturas Ecuatorianas, Colgate Palmolive, Conserveras Guayas.*

EL SALVADOR

Member(s) in El Salvador
Los Cobanos Village Lodge.

GUATEMALA

Member(s) in Guatemala
Ecoantigua.

MEXICO

Acuario de Veracruz, A.C

The Aquarium held four beach clean ups in Puerto de Veracruz as their primary focus is on the protection and conservation of marine life with an emphasis on education. The clean ups began with a talk on the effects waste has on marine life and finished with a discussion about the waste they collected. In total 200 kgs of mainly plastic, cigarette butts and bottle tops were collected from the beaches. Acuario de Veracruz, A.C also runs other environmental education activities such as workshops, night camps, summer courses, environmental conferences and rural and urban talks.

Cuba – Gobierno Municipal De Playa



Bio Kids, S.C.

Bio Kids, S.C. is a not-for-profit NGO that runs environmental campaigns targeting children and their families in Coahuila, Durango and Chihuahua, North Mexico. Campaigns focused on air, water and soil conservation. They promoted school transportation, anti-smoking, urban reforestation, water usage reduction, desert agriculture and recycling. The group used creative programs to inspire families to be more environmentally conscious. They also rewarded children and schools by giving them points which they exchanged at the end of the year for products supplied by Bio Kids' local sponsors.

Club Rotary International de Huamantla AC

25 preschools and primary schools held clean up campaigns this year. They also carried out a PET plastic recycling campaign. 2 tonnes of waste were gathered during the clean ups and later

the plastic was recycled. Local radio broadcasted these events for the rest of the community to hear. After many years of CUW campaigning, these schools anxiously await the arrival of the annual campaign. The children who participate along with their parents are now extremely conscious of the need to care for the environment.

Local support provided by: Ayuntamiento de Huamantla, Tlaxcala, Mexico.

Colegio de Bachilleres del Estado y Academia Mexicana de Profesores de Ciencias Naturales

In order to address the problem of pollution in Tlaxcala, environmental workshops with primary and high school students, teachers, workers and housekeepers were held by Colegio de Bachilleres del Estado y Academia Mexicana de Profesores de Ciencias Naturales. Clean ups were also part of the campaign which ended in organic waste being made into compost. Because of the programs in which 1,550 people participated, there is a greater awareness of how to act responsibly as an individual, to help protect the environment. Less environmentally unfriendly products are used and household waste has diminished.

Local support provided by: Colegio de Bachilleres del Estado y Coordinación de Ecología de Tlaxcala.

Conciencia

Conciencia was a new CUW member in 2005. They are a group trying to make others reflect on the current and forecasted environmental situation. During October and November they carried out an environmental workshop with 40 children between the ages of 5 and 14. These workshops will continue in January and February 2006.

H. Ayuntamiento de Uruapan Michoacán

The Council of Uruapan Michacán continued to support the cleaning campaigns of 21 local suburbs. In September, 2,765 people participated in the clean ups, collecting a total of 26,000 tonnes of solid waste. Groups also pruned 5,742m2 of green areas and handed out 300 abstracts about the Municipal Environmental Regulation. Participants represented many different social sectors of the municipality.

Instituto de Historia Natural y Ecología

The Instituto de Historia Natural y Ecología organised a week of CUW events in October focusing on the pollution caused by waste found in the Zapotal Reserve, Chiapas and its surroundings. Talks, theatre performances, workshops and clean ups involved 763 local participants. The Reserve is a forest, protected since 1980 by a State Government decree. It houses a zoo and research centre.

The clean up held in the Reserve concluded with 2 tonnes of waste being separated and recycled.

Local support provided by: Dirección de Educación y Cultura Ambiental del IHNE, Departamento de Educación Ambiental del IHNE, Gerente General de Tiendas Pítico, Gerente General de Tienda Bodega Aurrera Poniente, Gerente General de Mayoreo de Víveres.

Juarez Limpio Asociación Civil

Juarez Limpio Asociación Civil celebrated the CUW campaign on September 24 and 25. The community group formed an alliance with the Art Association in the Park. The Art Association runs a monthly festival on the border towns of Juarez and Chihuahua (Mexico) and El Paso (USA). September's festival was dedicated to CUW. Juarez Limpio Asociación Civil conducted education workshops during the festival for adults and children. They also displayed work from school groups, scouts and social groups who had held CUW activities.

Local support provided by: Plan Estratégico de Juárez AC, Grupo Cementos de Chihuahua SA de CV, Gobierno Municipal de Juárez, Gobierno del Estado de Chihuahua, ARCA and AXIS Corporativo, Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez.

Limpiemos Zapopan

In May, Limpiemos Zapopan began social work programs in conjunction with the United Civil Association for a Better Jalisco. Each weekend they visited a different community bringing medical and psychological assistance. They have also been able to monitor the environmental problems these communities face. A high presence of waste, water contamination and deforestation were some of the main issues noted.

This year a clean up was also organised around the Saltillo highway. 600 kgs of waste was collected. Politicians and local government affiliates have shown support for these actions which has further motivated Limpiemos Zapopan.

Local support provided by: Sepia Comunicación and Imagen Audiovisual.

Mexico – Acuario de Veracruz, A.C





Mexico – Programa 1, 2, 3 por mi Planeta

Integral del Embarazo en Adolescentes (PAIDEA), DIF - Programa Desarrollo Integral del Adolescente, Fibra de Vidrio, Pintura, Industrial y Comercial (FIVIPINCO), Grupo Ambiental el "Patio de mi casa", INTEC DE Mexico S.A, La Palomilla, Limpiemos Torreon, MUV (Movimiento de la Universidad Veracruzana), Pro Defensa del Nazas AC, Viva la Tierra, Voluntariado Sociedad Sin Fronteras A.C.

NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

Member(s) in Netherlands Antilles
Korsou Limpi Bunita.

NICARAGUA

Salvemos al Cocibolca
From February 23 to May 25, Salvemos al Cocibolca cleaned a 17 km stretch of stream that runs through the city of Granada. 50 volunteers removed 2,100 kgs of waste including clothes, tyres, copper and glass. During the months of June, July and August, the group planted 750 mink, coconut, palm and other species of trees in coastal areas. They also planted trees in the historic central area "Bulevar" of Granada. The enthusiasm continued with an education awareness campaign

focused on the environment that spread from schools to local residencies. Salvemos al Cocibolca distributed CUW education materials and information to these groups.

Secretaría de la Juventud

In 2005 the Secretaría de la Juventud (Youth Secretary) worked hard towards improving its society in an environmental capacity. During Holy Week in March, 45,000 people at 6 popular beaches participated in clean up activities. In July, the Youth Secretary supported an activity run for the youth of Oswaldo Manzanera in Managua. The youth heard talks about natural resource and waste management and cleaned a local street. On September 12, the Youth Secretary also assisted in organising 400 young volunteers to clean one of the main avenues of Managua. *Local support provided by: Pollo Tip Top Industrial, Burger King, Loteria Nacional, Ministerio del Ambiente y de los Recursos Naturales (Marena).*

Other Member(s) in Nicaragua

Asociacion de Scouts de Nicaragua, JICA, Ministerio del Ambiente y los Recursos Naturales (MARENA).

Volunteers in Nicaragua

Thank you to Cesar Castro Thames, Julianne McKay and Tricia Wilden.

PANAMA

Member(s) in Panama

Asociacion Panama Verde, Environmental Club FSU-Panama.

PERU

Agencia de Noticias Ecopress

Agencia de Noticias Ecopress is a media agency that distributes environmental news. They also coordinate educational programs in various schools in Lima. On September 16-18 they held 2 clean ups, education talks on the environment and a street parade in 3 separate districts of Lima. 1,000 volunteers participated in these events. The mayors of each district supported the events. People wore costumes and danced during the street parade. 600 plants were given out to passers-by. Katia Valencia Leon explained that "the CUW activities we did made the children and the public in general feel extremely emotional as in Lima they are not accustomed to these types of educational activities." *Local support provided by: Coca Cola, empresa Relima.*

Institución Educativa 120 Manuel Robles Alarcón

Institución Educativa 120 Manuel Robles Alarcón is a school in Lima that has been working hard to educate staff, students and parents about pollution, composting, vegetable gardens, climate change and creating and maintaining green areas. They have an ongoing clean up program and held a large scale clean up in 2005 involving the community. Creatively, students have been recycling agave

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Programa 1, 2, 3 por mi Planeta

Programa 1, 2, 3 por mi Planeta ran a CUW/Clean my School Environment Day on October 1 throughout the state of Coahuila. 4,483 schools participated in the event, bringing 273,463 students, 44,830 teachers and 246,565 parents to the clean up. Aside from these participants, there were also volunteers from other associations and institutions who helped clean up water streams, canals, ravines and some school grounds. The main types of

waste collected included paper, plastic, glass, construction materials and metal. They also carried out reforestation activities, pruning and white washing of class rooms and school fences.

Other Member(s) in Mexico

Ayudando a la Madre Tierra, Ayuntamiento de Ciudad Valles - San Luis Potosi, Ayuntamiento de Zapopan, David Pe a Hernández, Delegacion Miguel Hidalgo Joven - Cabildo Juvenil, Departamento de Agroecología de la UAAAN, Departamento de Ecología, Gomez Palacio, DIF - Prevención y Atención

leaves and using them to make rope. In 2005 the school won a prize at a district level from the Ministry of Education for being a healthy and clean school.

Local support provided by: WWDDDFORD, Inrena, Caedes21, Tequieroverde.peru, El Consumidor, R.A.A.A..

Non Nibopotati

San Francisco de Yarinaochoa, located near the headwaters of the Amazon River is a predominately indigenous community however the Shipibo people are rapidly adopting a western lifestyle. Non Nibopotati has developed simple and sustainable solutions for waste management, water conservation, sanitation, health, and nutrition that they hope other communities will replicate. Volunteers have installed waste bins around the town, with separate bins for biodegradable waste. The project also introduced composting sanitation systems, which produce organic fertilizer. In addition, newly installed public toilets ensure that sewerage is being disposed of in a hygienic and environmentally friendly way.

Ronald Lanazca Balbin

On September 16 and 17, talks were held in the District of San Martin de Porras, Lima regarding afforestation, littering and caring for the environment. On September 18, 200 volunteers chanted the slogan "We are the lungs of the World, let's clean it" whilst clearing 157 kgs of waste. Ronald is



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concerned about the waste that appears in public places and about the health problems arising from the inadequate treatment of waste. He believes that with the enthusiasm and interest shown during the CUW Weekend by the local people such clean up events will spread to other areas in Peru.

Other Member(s) in Peru
A Limpiar el Mundo - Peru, ANIA, Asociación Profesional de Ingeniera, Club de madres de vaso leche, Colegio Andre Malraux, Colegio San Jorge de Miraflores, Comité Ambiental Juvenil (CAJU-Peru), Econatura, Vision Solidaria.

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CCA Limited

During the CUW Weekend, CCA Limited organised a tree planting event and a clean up. On the Saturday, over 70 volunteers ventured out to clean up the village and two

prominent beaches on the island. Debris from the sea and 60 large waste bags of waste and were collected. Through the campaign, CCA Limited was able to educate the community about proper waste disposal and about an appreciation for their surroundings.

URUGUAY

A. Carballo Ortiz

In the school, A.Carballo Ortiz, lessons featured a few minutes of environmental education every day. CUW information sheets and educational activities were incorporated into lessons on a weekly basis. Students used cans, plastic bottles and other objects to create toys and other handicrafts. Educational drawings and posters were hung in the school and students cleaned the school premises on a regular basis. Although every different type of environmental issue was discussed, lessons concentrated especially on water contamination and the ways to

avoid wasting water because in Rivera, the city in which the school is located, there are long periods without rain.

Liceo de Atlántida No 2

Liceo de Atlántida No 2, a high school situated in Canelones, celebrated Earth Day, World Environment Day and the CUW Weekend. Students created green spaces in their school and planted trees. They also encouraged local residents to participate in recycling programs. Residents now leave papers and plastic bottles at the school and the school sells the paper to a national waste collection agency. The school has joined other activities in the area which focus on water quality improvement.

Other Member(s) in Uruguay

Daniela Hernandez de Vasconcellos, Gabriel Brum, Movimiento Scout del Uruguay, St Catherine's School – Uruguay.



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Fundación para la Defensa de la Naturaleza

PARTICIPATION – FUDENA

Fundación para la Defensa de la Naturaleza FUDENA is an independent, non government organisation founded in 1975 by a group of Venezuelans concerned about improving the state of the environment in Venezuela. For 15 years they have been celebrating International Beach Day. This year for World Beach Day, FUDENA organised for 23,363 volunteers from local communities, NGOs, government departments and private companies to clean up 179 beaches throughout Venezuela. 15,757 bags of waste were collected. These clean ups received coverage by regional and national press before, during and after the events.

Other Member(s) in Venezuela
Coanza, Cooperative Gente de Playa, Red Ambiental Metalnet.