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## Conservation in ACTION

This month marks a major milestone for [Paso Pacífico](#), our FIVE YEAR anniversary! We started modestly, and though we have grown, we continue to place emphasis on working at the grass-roots level.

By believing in the little non-profit that could, YOU have helped to make this achievement possible. We thank you. Together, we have made an impact by empowering local communities through jobs in conservation and incentives for good stewardship. We have protected wildlife by educating youth and partnering with landowners to establish protected areas. We have reduced the impact of climate change by restoring native forests. Paso Pacífico asks you to continue being a part of this change by sharing our story with your friends and [making a donation today](#). Thanks again for helping us to protect one of the most ecologically diverse corners of our planet!

## Paso Pacífico in the News

Nicaragua is abuzz with preparations for the 25th International Coastal Clean-up to be celebrated on September 25th. As [news of the event](#) spreads, Nicaraguans are enthusiastically taking up the slogan "Let us be part of the solution. Do not Litter". Our goal for the third year of Nicaragua's participation in the event is to involve eight thousand volunteers and to surpass the 166 tons of garbage collected last year. The event is led through a partnership between the [Ministry of Natural Resources](#) (MARENA), Paso Pacífico, [Swiss Cooperation](#) (COSUDE), and the [Ocean Conservancy](#). Countless other partner organizations



### Team member spotlight

Paso Pacífico's County Director Liza Gonzalez believes that conservation is most effectively done on the ground, which is why she is more easily found in the field getting her hands muddy than in the Managua office. Liza is an experienced conservationist who has dedicated her talents to the organization since the start. In 2008, Liza was a [Kinship Conservation Fellow](#) where she learned the most cutting edge strategies in conservation that she applies to Paso Pacífico programs today. Her hard work and passion keep us moving forward.

## ACT NOW!



Celebrate Paso Pacífico's fifth year working on the front lines of conservation by donating in multiples of five. From \$5, \$10, \$15 and up, every dollar makes a difference! Show your support by giving [online](#) now!

and private sector companies will be lending their support, including over one hundred municipal governments, dozens of private companies, and the USFS-International Institute for Tropical Forestry. We hope to see you volunteering! To read more about the upcoming event and to plan your trip to Nicaragua during the Clean-up, visit [Via Nica](#).

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## Partnerships make it possible

[Optics for the Tropics](#) is generously helping Paso Pacifico bring binoculars to children across the Paso del Istmo Biological Corridor in Nicaragua. For the next three months, Paso Pacifico's education team is in the field working with teachers and students to share the wonders of migratory birds. The training will culminate with a community-wide International Migratory Bird Day celebration where committed students may exchange sling-shots for binoculars.

Optics for the Tropics is an organization that seeks protect migratory birds by addressing the need for tools to conduct bird research in Latin America. Other key partners helping to make this program possible include [US Fish and Wildlife Service](#) (Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act), the [Nicaraguan Private Reserve Network](#), and the [USFS-International Institute for Tropical Forestry](#). Thanks to these amazing organizations, our bird education program is reaching hundreds of children.

## IN GRATITUDE



Volunteers are the engines of change in small non-profit organizations. This summer, Paso Pacífico has been fortunate to work with many enthusiastic and talented interns, including Jackie Wakeen, Karla Casariego, Jaime Price, and Chris Giordano. Other interns who continue to give their time in support of the organization include Clare Shearer and Catherine Murillo. Paso Pacífico is very grateful!

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