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Annual Report 2023

This has been an excellent year for us, starting in the first days of January with the activity-filled visit of two student groups from the Gatton Academy of the Sciences and Mathematics, and continuing with many educational opportunities throughout the year. Our participant program is at the heart of Cloudbridge Nature Reserve, and this year we were able to host 76 program participants, including 32 researchers who spent months observing certain aspects of the cloud forest, and 44 volunteers who assist the researchers in their field work and support maintenance of our tree nursery and facilities.

Participants actively make use of the research lab, and it has been a pleasure for us to hold three specialty field courses in 2023, with excellent participation from the community at large.

Renowned botanist Nelson Zamora taught a 3-day intensive about tropical dendrology, we hosted a course about climate change education with retired schoolteacher and climate activist Kottie Christie-Blick. The third specialty course was a hands-on



tutorial in the use of Geographic Information Systems.



For some years now, the land of Cloudbridge Nature Reserve has been fully forested, leading us to focus our reforestation efforts on neighboring land that could use some trees. In 2023 we had the opportunity to support reforestation efforts on neighboring land in Los Angeles de Rivas with the sale of 500 trees from our native nursery. Thank you to Dale and Jenny and all who made this reforestation effort possible!

Over the past year, Cloudbridge has been featured in various publications and media, including a [Mongabay article](#) on island habitat forest restoration projects, an interview with our science coordinator in [Conservation Careers](#) and a long-form [podcast conversation](#) with our operations manager. Likewise, we were featured on Costa Rican television in [this flattering segment](#).



We have continued to participate with Dr. Mike Mooring's longstanding wildlife monitoring project using camera traps, in addition to successfully submitting applications to research wildlife in Cloudbridge with the National Conservation System. Collaborations with other environmental and community organizations



have also continued, with Cloudbridge representatives participating in various community fairs, with talks on biodiversity or educational activities. We have also been host to various inspiring activities, including a "water walk", a bat's night and of course the second Annual Cloud Forest Festival.

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