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The award ceremony was held in the Acoustic Shell of the Generalísimo Francisco de Miranda Recreational Park, east of Greater Caracas, where the distinctive awards of the "Race for the Land" were delivered.

In this sense, the head of Ecosocialism made the walk in the company of the Minister of Urban Agriculture, Greicys Barrios, the Ombudsman, Alfredo Ruiz and the Minister for Ecological Mining Development, Serantes Pinto.

At the end of the "Race for Land" raffles were held to allocate trips with all expenses included to the Canaima and Morrocoy National Park, thanks to the

organizations Campamento Agua Marina and Palma Dorada.

During his speech, Minister Lorca said that, "We continue to fight for a better and beautiful Venezuela, with a prosperous future for our children and grandchildren."

"It is a race for the Earth, for consciousness, in which more than 2,500 people signed up via the internet, to run and walk around the planet," he said.

The "Race for the Earth" was developed with the objective of making a conscience call to the population, so that a collective effort is made to preserve a green planet for future generations.

In the surroundings of the Acoustic Shell, several stands were placed with samples of the actions and achievements of the Ministry for Ecosocialism (Minec), for the observation of runners, companions and frequent visitors to the park.

For her part, the person in charge of Urban Agriculture, Greicys Barrios, stated that she was very happy to accompany the race and walk on Earth.

"We all live on Earth and the government of President Nicolás Maduro deploys different public policies that generate awareness among the Venezuelan people for the care of the planet and the Earth," Barrios said.

Meanwhile, the Ombudsman, Alfredo Ruiz Angulo, congratulated everyone on International Mother Earth Day, especially those who attended the rally for the walk and run.

"Throughout the national territory, activities are carried out in favor of the land and everyone. It is a commitment that all people have to preserve our home, the Earth. Human rights are also of the Earth", he stated.

Comprehensive care for the effects of Climate Change

## Venezuela launches National Network of Meteorological Stations

Through his social networks @JosueLorcaV, the People's Power Minister for Ecosocialism (Minec), Josué Lorca, announced the launch of the National Network of Meteorological Stations.

Minister Lorca in the company of the governor of the state of Aragua, Karina Carpio, the vice

minister for Risk Management and Civil Protection M/G Pérez Ampueda, the president of the National Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology (Inameh) Cnel. José Pereira explained that "this network is designed to comprehensively address the effects of Climate Change in territories with potential incidence of adverse hydrometeorological events."

Said initiative is part of the strategies of the Bolivarian Government to strengthen environmental policies and empower People's Power, as well as promoting collective awareness, self-management capacity and the generation of data that serve as the basis for early warnings.



Venezuela develops environmental policies that empower Popular Power

Cinema forums "Climate change, peoples, planet and life"

## Minec screened documentary on harpy eagle

The film series "Climate change, peoples, planet and life", of the Ministry of People's Power for Ecosocialism (Minec) presented the documentary "Exploring wonders, the harpy eagle".

The audiovisual describes the qualities of the bird, one of the largest that inhabits Venezuela and the continent.

The species is present in Brazil, Colombia, much of Latin America, North America, South

and Central America.

In this regard, the director of Dissemination of the Minec Training Directorate, David Álvarez, expressed that, "we must take care of this wonderful animal and be part of raising awareness among people about the existence and importance of caring for habitats to preserve this species".

"The fundamental reason for this cineforo is to discuss the wonders that our nature, the

animal force and Mother Earth facilitate our existence," he said.



Constant training



Ecosocialist revolution

## Orinoco Caiman Conservation Program will release 200 specimens in 2023



*The Orinoco Caiman became an endangered species*

**E**very April 20, the National Day of the Orinoco caiman (*Crocodylus intermedius*) is celebrated in Venezuela, one of the largest reptile species that is in danger of extinction.

The animal has historical records of having reached more than six meters in length and is an endemic species that lives in the wild in the lowlands of the Orinoco River basin, one of the most important tributaries in South America and one of the mightiest in the world.

Historically, its distribution extended throughout the entire basin of the Orinoco plains, both in Colombia and in Venezuela.

Populations are still found in tributaries and main channels of the Orinoco, particularly in the Capanaparo, Cojedes and Manapire rivers, where the reproductively viable populations in the country are found.

In the early 1930s, rampant commercial exploitation of the Orinoco caiman began in Venezuela and Colombia, with

the purpose of selling its leather on the international fur market.

In the mid-1930s, hunting reached its maximum level and in San Fernando de Apure, the main trade center for the species, around 600,000 skins were sold annually.

Between 1931 and 1934, no less than 2.5 million skins were exported from Venezuela, which led to the collapse of alligator populations and as a result the disappearance in most of the Venezuelan territory.

Due to these excessive and unplanned actions, the Orinoco alligator became one of the most endangered crocodile species in the world in less than 20 years.

In the late 1970s, conservation of the Orinoco caiman was promoted and captive breeding began in Hato El Frío in Apure state.

Since the 1990s, the Venezuelan State and private entities have taken measures for the conservation of the species,

which has evolved into the current conservation program.

Since 1990, a total of 10,736 individuals of the Orinoco caiman have been released, of which 9,179 (85%) have been released in Revolución.

The largest release occurred in 2009, when 795 copies were released. By 2023, it is estimated to release more than 200 individuals that are in the "Zocriadero El Patrullero de Chávez".

The alligators from the "Zocriadero El Patrullero de Chávez", of the Ministry of Popular Power for Ecosocialism (Minec), located in Puerto Miranda, in the state of Guárico, at the time of their release present a size between 80 and 100 centimeters (cm). in length, which minimizes the risks of natural predation.

The conservation of this species has been carried out thanks to the joint work between the Bolivarian Government, field producers and alliances with private companies.



*They will include Venezuela in the National Whaling Commission*

In the second half of 2023

## Colombia and Venezuela will carry out a scientific expedition to study the bottlenose dolphin of the Orinoco

**A**t the facilities of the Ministry of Popular Power for Ecosocialism (MINEC), a meeting was held to coordinate the development of a Binational Scientific Expedition (Colombia-Venezuela) in the Casiquiare-Río Negro Basin, in order to evaluate the ecological parameters and biological of the Orinoco bottlenose dolphin (*Inia geoffrensis*).

The meeting was headed by the head of MINEC, Josué Lorca, together with the president of the Zoos, Zoos and Aquariums of Venezuela, Carliz Díaz, the director of the Venezuelan Institute of Scientific Research (IVIC), Alberto Quintero, the manager of Sustainable Development of the National Institute of Aquatic Spaces (INEA), Ana Suárez, and the coordinator of the Management Plan for the Conservation of Dolphins for the Governments of Colombia, Brazil, Ecuador and Peru, Fernando Trujillo.

The Orinoco bottlenose dolphin is considered a threatened, emblematic and widely distributed species in the Orinoco and Amazon river systems, although the number of current species is not precisely known.

The dangers that this cetacean faces range from alterations to their habitat, deforestation of the forests, destruction of the vegetation of the floodplain savannahs, overfishing and large seine nets or artisanal fishing nets where they become entangled and drown. Added to these factors is the contamination of rivers by wastewater with heavy metals and chemicals without treatment.

The coordinator for the governments of Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru, Fernando Trujillo, who is also Co-chair of the International Whaling Commission's Scientific Committee on Small Cetaceans, said that "this is a regional initiative of four governments, but we are trying to include Venezuela, although it is not a member of the National Whaling Commission".

Trujillo said that the inclusion of Venezuela "is essential to guarantee the conservation of dolphins in the Orinoco basin."

Various aspects of the conservation of bottlenose dolphins in the Orinoco region were discussed, as well as joint work between Colombia and

Venezuela in border areas.

The expedition is expected to begin operations in the second semester of this year and it will be possible to locate information to hold regional and national training workshops, draw up mitigation strategies related to the conservation of the Orinoco bottlenose dolphin.

In addition, an analysis of the conservation policies of the Orinoco bottlenose dolphin populations is sought, connecting the agendas of Colombia and Venezuela on the subject, with the purpose of establishing a joint line of action.

Minister Lorca supported the proposal of the scientific expedition, which aims to implement binational lines of work for the conservation of the species.

Venezuela has 70% of the Orinoco river basin and that is why it is so important that it be involved in the International Conservation Plan.



Cultural heritage of Humanity

## More than 20% of the Venezuelan territory is made up of Natural Parks and Monuments

Since 1982 and by decision of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco), every April 18 marks the International Day of Monuments and Sites.

The purpose of this date is to promote awareness about the diversity of the cultural heritage of humanity, highlight its importance in different countries, its vulnerability, as well as the wide diversity and the efforts made in the world for its conservation and promotion.

Unesco has ratified its intention to support humanity's awareness of the strength that

tangible heritage represents for man.

In Venezuela there are 43 National Parks and 36 Natural Monuments, whose surface area is equivalent to 21.76% of the territory. Said territory makes up some of the Areas Under the Special Administration Regime (Abrae), whose objective is the defense, conservation and improvement of spaces.

The National Parks and Natural Monuments in Venezuela are under the administration of the National Institute of Parks (Inparques), an entity attached to the Ministry of Popular Power for Ecosocialism (Minec).

Among the most outstanding natural monuments in the country are: the Alfredo Jahn Cave (Miranda), Laguna de Las Marites (Nueva Esparta), Cueva del Guácharo (Monagas), Cerro María Lionza (Yaracuy), Tetas de Niquitao-Guirigay (Trujillo) and the Morros de San Juan (Guárico), among others.

The Minec and Inparques urge the population to care for and conserve Natural Monuments, due to the relevance they have for the environment and the biological diversity found in them.



*The Alfredo Jahn Cave is the largest in the central region of Venezuela and the sixth largest in the country*



Youth training in Barquisimeto

## Minec and the Luis Sojo Sports Foundation establish an agreement to benefit young people

**T**he People's Power Minister for Ecosocialism, Josué Lorca, held a meeting with the former baseball player, Luis Sojo, in order to establish an alliance for the benefit of children and young athletes.

The agreement would be focused on the training of youth, which would be provided with the necessary tools for their development based on merit, values, perseverance and sports discipline for their comprehensive training.

At the meeting, a project was proposed that includes the use of the sports stadiums managed by the National Parks Institute (Inparques), in the state of Lara,

with the purpose that the Luis Sojo Foundation continue its work that mainly promotes the well-being of youth in the country.

The use of the spaces is focused on the state of Lara, Barquisimeto, in the Parque del Oeste "Francisco Tamayo", the Terepaima National Park in Cabudare, and the Parque del Este "José María Ochoa Pile", for the development, restructuring and conditioning for the layout of a stadium.

The Luis Sojo Foundation registers a work of 17 years in the country, in favor of Venezuelan children, with the mission of educating, guiding

and supporting sports talents and opening the doors to new opportunities, also offering them all the benefits offered by the sport.

Likewise, the Minister highlighted the work that will be carried out in the Parque del Este de Barquisimeto, together with the Mayor's Office of Barquisimeto, led by Luis Jonás Reyes, for the comprehensive recovery of the place. The site is one of the most attractive for tourism in Lara.



Agreement proposes a project for the use of sports stadiums managed by Inparques in Barquisimeto

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*I hope that these days of sports participation will be beneficial for the athletes. On behalf of the youth and the people of Venezuela, we wish them success and luck in their competitions. ALBA is a spiritual, sporting union and hope for a better future for our peoples.*



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