

## MACAW LODGE NEWSLETTER

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### TF1 FRENCH TV CHANNEL DOCUMENTS US

*This past Sunday 12th of May we had a very special visit in our grounds. Newsmen from French channel TF1 brought their team and equipment all the way to Macaw Lodge to portray the ecology of Costa Rica. Groupe TF1 is the biggest private television channel in Europe. It was a privilege that they documented us. Their anchormen Yann Hovine and Vicente Abellaneda took lead of the report and interacted with several of our staff. They took amazing shots of our gardens and landscapes, capturing the essence of this beautiful part of Costa Rica. We happily shared the story of Macao Sanctuary through the ecological angle and emphasis was given to the stingless bees in our farm. We shared and learned about many topics. We are very grateful with them and happy to share the world through their lens.*



## **CACAO FAIR IN JUNE**

*We are very excited to announce and share the news about our second year participating in the Chocolate Fair in San José at the end of June. During the 29th and 30th of this month, producers, exporters, tasters and all types of chocolate fanatics will gather here. It's amazing to think of the progress our chocolate and cacao business has taken. Our story is long but currently, with the new installment of our chocolate factory, our production has grown and this year we are taking several products to this exposition: we have 53% cacao chocolate bars, 60% cacao chocolate bars with coffee and 70% cacao chocolate bars with Acai. All these products grow on our land and are worked and prepared here by our own staff. This event allows us to reflect and cherish the whole process and how much it has grown. Additionally, we expose ourselves to others and show the world what Makau Kakau is! It is also a chance to know and learn from what others are doing in Costa Rica and share this passion for chocolate. We'll update you soon on how it goes!*



### **THIRD ANNUAL BIRDWATCHING MEETING**

*A few weeks ago we participated in the Third Annual Birdwatching Meeting of Costa Rica that took place in Orosí's Hotel Quelitales. This event happens once a year and is led by Sergio Arias, director of Birding Hot Spots. Several hotels and eco-lodges around the country participated and some tourism agencies were invited as well. The topic of this meeting was the engineering, logistics, and sustainability of the product that birdwatching represents in the country. Incentives and informative talks were held to prepare and share knowledge with visitors. As every year we all dedicate more efforts, we see how much progress birding and tourism are having in Costa Rica. The Program of the National Birding Route is growing every day and we are happy to work for this with other lodges. Alejandra represented Macaw and shared our passion for bird tourism.*

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