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Trip Report: Bolivia 2–14 January 2007

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Purpose of Trip: to conduct research on climatic risks and forecasting

Sites Visited: La Paz, Ancoraimes, and Umala Bolivia

Description of activities:

Conducted workshops and group interviews related to climate change, risks and weather prediction. The workshop/interview in Ancoraimes had 22 participants (12 men, 9 women) and the workshop in Umala had 15 participants (12 men, 3 women). Contrary to our initial interviews in the area, it appears that traditional weather forecasts still are important to decision making. When people earlier said that the traditional methods do not work as well, it was because of changes in the production systems and because their have been no good years lately. Traditional forecasts are related to potato production so in areas where new crops are being grown they have less utility and traditional forecasts indicate when to plant, but migration and the introduction of tractors people cannot change planting dates.

Only met with collaborators and community members.