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ANNOUNCING AN INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR BIO-LITERACY EDUCATION BETWEEN THE PAX NATURA FOUNDATION AND THE INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE BIODIVERSIDAD WASHINGTON, D.C., SPRING 2015

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Representatives of the Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidad (INBio) in Santo Domingo, Costa Rica, have been invited by the Pax Natura Foundation, and Dr. Jane Goodall as Chair, to come to Washington, D.C., in the spring of 2015 to meet with representatives of the National Geographic Society (NGS), The Smithsonian Institution, and other environmental education NGO's and governmental agencies for the purpose of developing environmental education cirriculum based upon INBio's National Bio-Diversity Inventory program.

As a result of INBio's extraordinary achievements, this Costa Rican NGO has positioned itself as potentially one of the world's foremost environmental education institutions. Bio-literacy, a term first used by the leadership of INBio, has been adopted internationally to enlighten young people about their connection to, and dependence upon, the natural world. INBio has also developed methodologies to further bio-literacy education for science, tourism, and conservation for all nations.

The world owes a great deal to the leadership of Costa Rica, and especially INBio, for the country's example of environmental conservation and education. The Pax Natura Foundation, along with Dr. Goodall, will facilitate and coordinate all meetings in Washington D.C., and will act, through Pax Natura's law offices, as mediator to the discussions.

In the coming years, INBio's work will become even more important as the issues of tropical forests,conservation, food safety, public health, and climate-change continue to grow internationally. The Pax Natura Foundation is very proud to be affliated with INBio and we believe the world's first Bio-Diversity Inventory collection in Costa Rica is an international treasure that should be protected and utilized for education by the family of nations.