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Official Invitation to 2nd User Meeting

Dear Colleagues,

ESA and the DIVERSITY Team would like to invite you to

2nd DIVERSITY User Meeting

which will be held at MarViva Offices in San José, Costa Rica from 18 – 20 April, 2007.

Main topic of the meeting is discussion and training on ground truth data collection for products to be generated within the project

Day 1 of the meeting will be used for information on the status of the project discussed for each product and service, separately.

Day 2 and *Day 3* will comprise field trips for training on ground truth data collection. Coral reefs and mangrove forests at the pacific coast will be visited.

A proposed schedule for the meeting is presented on the following pages. Contributions from involved champion users as well as from consortium partners are foreseen.

The official meeting starts at 9 a.m. on 18/04 and will be finished approximately at 18 p.m on 20/04 – depending on necessary discussions.

Please confirm shortly your participation by email to Lutz (petrat@geoville.com).

We are looking forward to a successful meeting!

The DIVERSITY Team



Accomodation

As accomodation in San José we propose Hotel Barcelo Palma Real ¹ (approx. US\$ 72 per night per single room) or Hotel Corobici ² (approx. US\$ 105 per night per single room).

In case you need assistance for hotel reservation, please contact us.

Locations

The first day of the meeting will be held at MarViva offices in San José.

Second and third day of the meeting are reserved for field trips on ground truth data collection campaigns for coral reef maps, mangrove maps and biological corridor maps. In this context different locations are foreseen allowing training/discussion on ground truth data collection for different products and services:

| Location | Training on ground truth data collection for ... | | |
|------------------------------|--|---------------|--------------------------|
| | Coral Reef Maps | Mangrove Maps | Biological Corridor Maps |
| Marino Balleno National Park | X | X | X |
| Terraba-Sierpe Reserve | | X | X |
| Suitable Inland Locations | | | X |

A draft overview on locations is given in Figure 1.

Inland locations are subject to change depending on accessibility and schedule.

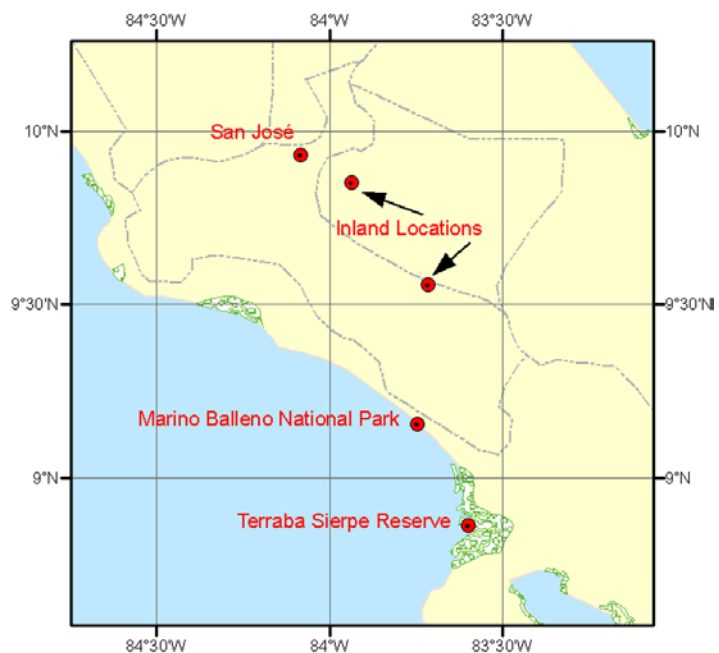


Figure 1: Overview on ground truth training locations

¹ <http://www.barcelo.com/BarceloHotels/de-DE/Hotels/CostaRica/SanJose/PalmaReal/Home>

² <http://centralamerica.com/cr/hotel/corobici.htm>

