

# ECUADOR

Conservation and Forest Management Field Course  
CONS 453

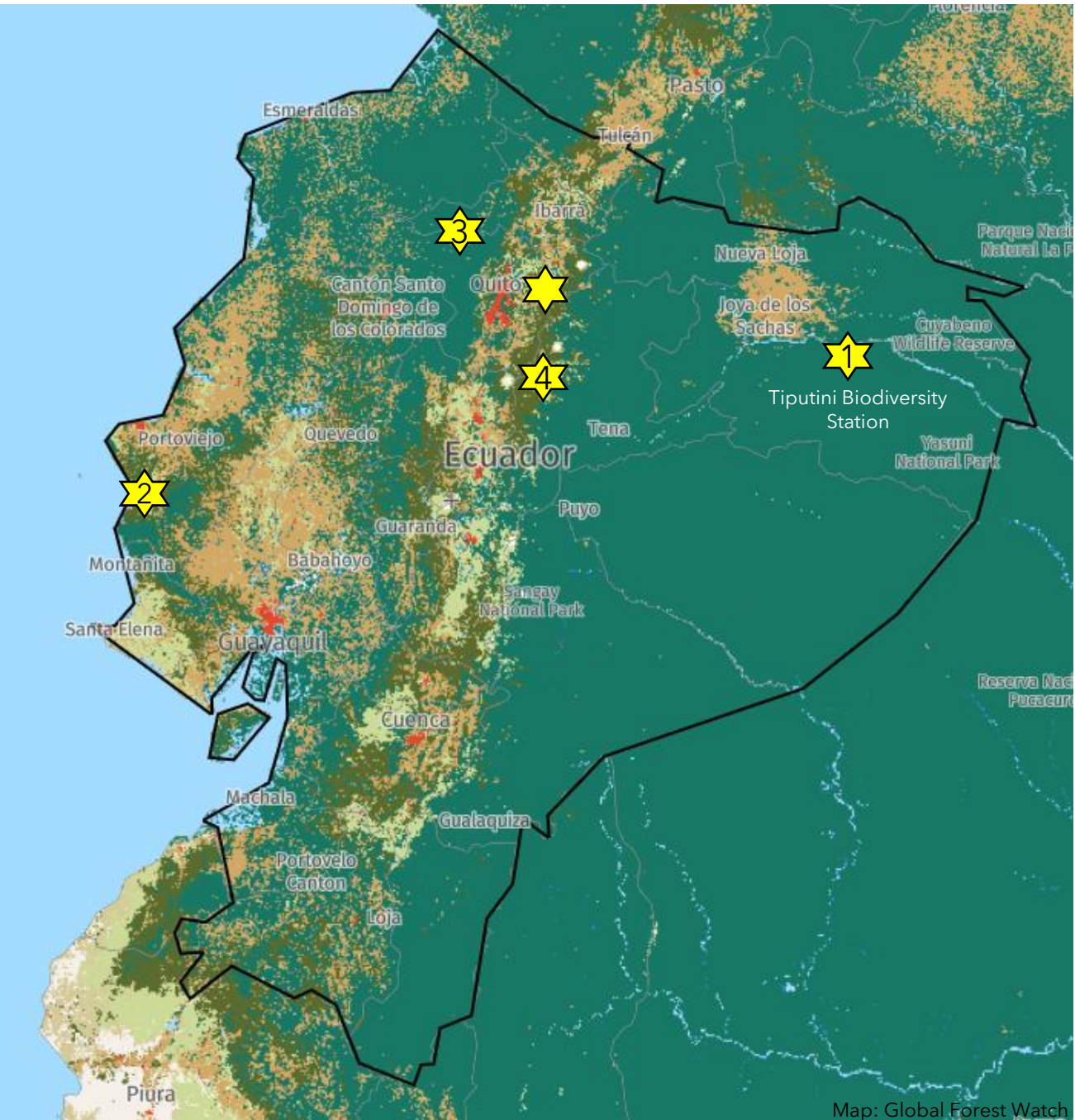
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# Why study in Ecuador?

- 1 of 17 'megadiverse' countries & biodiversity hotspot of the world for endemic species
- History and culture, Indigenous governance and ecotourism





course title

# Week 1: Amazon

- Tiputini Biodiversity Station  
Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ)
- “Yasuní is among the most biodiverse places on Earth, with apparent world richness records for amphibians, reptiles, bats, and trees” (Bass et al. 2010).
- Ecological monitoring project
- Other learning outcomes: Oil extraction, Indigenous relationships...
- Charismatic fauna: Pink river dolphins, howler monkeys, Amazonian tapir...





# Week 2: Coast

- Sea turtles conservation
- Community conservation  
(livelihoods within national park)

# Week 3: Cloud Forest

- Community conservation & homestays (Yunguilla)
- Private conservation (El Pahuma)



# Week 3: Cloud Forest





# Week 3: Highlands

- Pine plantations
- Paramo restoration
- Condor Conservation



# Academics

- Essays on conservation and forest management topics
- Oral presentations
- Monitoring project: Data collection, analysis and writing scientific paper
- Creative project





# Things to know...

- Program runs April 28 – May 25
- Three days in Vancouver prior to departure
- Estimated program cost \$5500
- Airfare ~\$1500 (varies)
- 6 credits tuition
- Recommend that students take CONS 330 prior



# Instructors

Suzie Lavalley

Professor of Teaching, FCS

India field school (2013-2018)

CONS 451 field school (2005 - 2022)

Fernanda Tomaselli

Assistant Professor of Teaching & Coordinator

Land One program

Amazon guide and Ecuadorian!