

Progress at Portasol

In terms of infrastructure at Portasol, some of the works done along this last three months where:

- Design of the road towards lot C12, C13, 14 and C15.
- Construction of the site for the drinking water tanks & water purification system.



Species at Portasol



Roadside Hawk (Gavilán chapulinero)

Scientific Name: **Buteo magnirostris**

Belongs to the eagle family (Accipitridae). Size 38 cm, weight almost 300 g. A relatively small bird of prey with short rounded wings. Common in the tropics from Mexico through Eastern South America.

Adults are brownish-gray on the top, head and chest are light gray. Juveniles are brown on the top. This species is found in the low zones of Costa Rica (below 1.200 meter above sea level). They eat insects (butterfly and beetle), small lizards, iguanas, snakes and small mammals.

Its eggs are white with brown spots. This bird is one of the jewels of the Portasol Area and is an important link of the food chain of the tropical forest ecosystems.

Source: [INBio](#)

Costa Rican Migration Law Update

As of March, 2010, the new Migration Law will go into effect, any foreigner is obliged to leave Costa Rica when his stay expires, unless he has previously requested the change of category or a prorogation has been granted by the migration authority. An irregular stay in the country will cause that the foreigner must pay upon leaving the country, a fine equivalent to USD\$ 100 per month of irregular stay in the national territory. If this fine is not paid, he will not be allowed to enter Costar Rican territory for a term equivalent to the triple of the time of his irregular stay.

*Oscar Soley Loría,
Portasol's Lawyer*



Corporate Social Responsibility

2010 School Campaign

This year again it was possible to aid kids and families for their expenses concerning the beginning of the 2010 School Year. Three of Portasol's owners joined the campaign for a total of \$ 375. With this 12 kids received their school supplies and uniforms.



Like every year, Portasol prepared and gave 1 package of school supplies and uniforms to each son or daughter of our colleagues that work at the eco-community. A total of 14 children received the aid.

Portasol encourages Portalón's Kids to be part of several events

- Conference at the Congress (San José)
- "Ambientados Recycling Campaign" (Perez Zeledón)
- COPAZA Theater Opening (Quepos)



Visit their blog, see "A bookcase for Natalia"
<http://vermontwoodsstudios.typepad.com>

Farabaugh Family visit to Portalón & Portasol

The Farabaugh family of Vermont Connection spent some days in Portalón. Their interest was to do social work in a Costa Rican Rural Community. Portasol introduced the family to Portalón's Primary School Principal. They made a very useful wooden bookcase. *(Alex Chinchilla- Portasol's Customer Service).*



ACOPOR ANNUAL MEETING 2010

February 21th, 2010 ACOPOR (Asociación Comunitaria de Portasol) celebrated its fourth annual meeting at Portalón's Primary School. Twelve landowners were joining.



Freddy Guzmán, ACOPOR's president presented the 2009 annual report. Federico Zamora (Trustee of FIDECO) presented the FIDECO 2009 Annual Report. Mr. Zamora also gave details on the 2010 budget regarding the use of the monthly maintenance fee.



ACOPOR SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE



ACOPOR donated to Portalón Primary School books of several subjects approved by the Ministry of Education. Each student of 4th, 5th and 6th grade will be learning with them.