

Progress at Portasol

Improvements continue in the Portasol Roads.

Rain water drainage construction in various sites.



These two pictures show some of the works done.



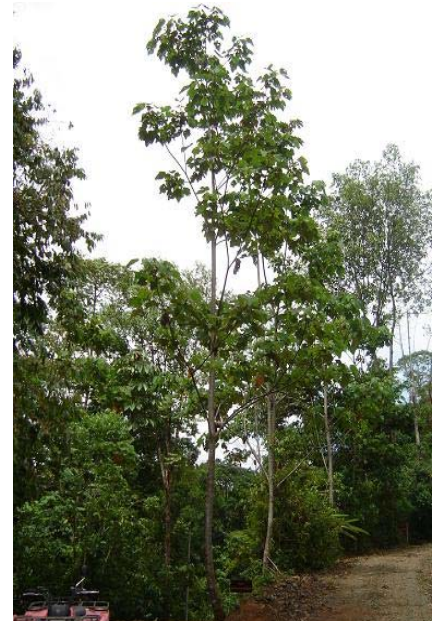
Species in Portasol



*Ochroma pyramidale* (Balsa) is a tree up to 25 meter high. Its leaves are simple and they alternate, whole or foliated in 3 or 5 lobes, from 10 to 40 cm long by 11 to 35 cm wide. They may be oval shaped or unguilate.

Because of its softness and low density, its wood is used to fabricate boxes, floats and for making model airplanes, among others. The cotton covering its seeds is used as filling for mattresses, pillows and furniture.

Without doubt Balsa is an important wooden resource. It grows fast and its wood characteristics are excellent. Some people use it as an aperitif, emetic and diuretic.



*Ochroma pyramidale* (Cav. ex Lam.) Urb. (Balsa). Find me in many places in Portasol.

What is happening in the area?

Evident progress at the Southern Coastal Highway

The works evidently are advancing. After the contractors finished the layer of supporting material shown in the left hand side photo, asphalt came! Soon this highway will be done.

Photos taken in June 2009



A horse parade in Portalón



People from Portalón and many neighbors enjoying the day



An example of the beautiful horses that were shown.

A horse parade was organized in Portalón on the last weekend of June. Many people showed up, there was good food and a nice opportunity to party. Proceeds to benefit Portalón school!

## Corporate Social Responsibility



### Biological Area Corridor Second Meeting



For its second time Portasol hosted on June 10<sup>th</sup> a group of landowners of the Portalón and Matapalo area who belong to the "Central and South Costa Rica's Biological Corridor".

During this occasion they formed the "Aguire Biological Corridor Committee" and discussed the strategy for controlling illegal hunting. MINAE representatives lead the meeting.



### Green Drinks June 2009

On June 10th Portasol was visited by several members of "Green Drinks", a monthly space for raising consciousness about the importance of environmental conservation. The main topic of this activity was the area's tree species.

Once again, it was a good time for meeting people and for catching up with friends!. Thanks to Katie Bogner for opening her houses for the event.

Los Tucanes Ecological Children Club was able to show and to sell some of the recycled paper products they made. The money raised will help them to support some of their initiatives throughout the year. They also sold trees during the horse parade.



### Special Lodging Offers in Portasol July 1<sup>st</sup> – November 15<sup>th</sup> 2009

#### Portasol Bungalows



**\$ 65 per night**

Double occupancy  
2 children under 10  
Breakfast included  
Tax included

#### Portasol Duplex



**\$ 45 per night**

#### Bogner House



**\$ 160 per night**

6 people occupancy

Weather in Portasol These Days !!!

April was the last month of the official dry season, even though the beginning of the rainy season was a bit delayed, until mid May. It has been the second and third week on June when we experienced good, strong, but short showers!... *Typical ones in the rainforest!!!*