



# Social capital from conservation influencing community-based tourism: a host perception study in the Peruvian Amazon

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## BIO

Pamela Montero-Alvarez, is a PhD student in the Department of Tourism, Recreation and Sport Management at the University of Florida, with a concentration in Tropical Conservation and Development. She is advised by Dr. Almeyda Zambrano. Pamela obtained her bachelor's degree on Biological Science at the National University of the Peruvian Amazon (UNAP); she also holds a Diploma on High Amazonian Studies from The Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (PUCP).

She has ample professional experience and has served as Specialist on Protected Areas for the “Peru Bosques” – USAID/Peru Project; Director of Natural Resources of the Municipality of “Datem del Marañon”, Loreto-Peru; Community Management Specialist at the Regional Project for Conservation in Loreto (Maijuna Native Community Proposal and Tamshiyacu Tahuayo Protected Area), and Specialist on conservation and ecotourism for the National Bureau of Forestry and Wildlife, Ministry of Agriculture. Her research aims to understand the relationship between nature-based tourism and conservation; within that umbrella, she is looking at community-based tourism and conventional ecotourism. One aspect of her dissertation deals with infrastructure development and how this influences tourism and conservation, her research takes place in Loreto, Peruvian Amazon.

## PRESENTATION SUMMARY

As part of my pre-dissertation field research award granted by the TCD during summer 2018, I was able to conduct a preliminary fieldwork data recollection focused on social capital, conservation and community-based tourism. This field research was conducted in the Tamshiyacu – Tahuayo Communal Regional Conservation Area, Loreto in the Peruvian Amazon. This research consisted in understanding the perception of host communities regarding social capital from conservation and community-based tourism.