

**Nicaragua
Solidarity
Campaign**

Visit Nicaragua on an environment study tour

19 November–3 December 2011

1–14 June 2012

Building communities, protecting the earth

“The principle enemy [of the environment] is human beings, not animals, hurricanes or drought but the environmental repercussions of human actions.”

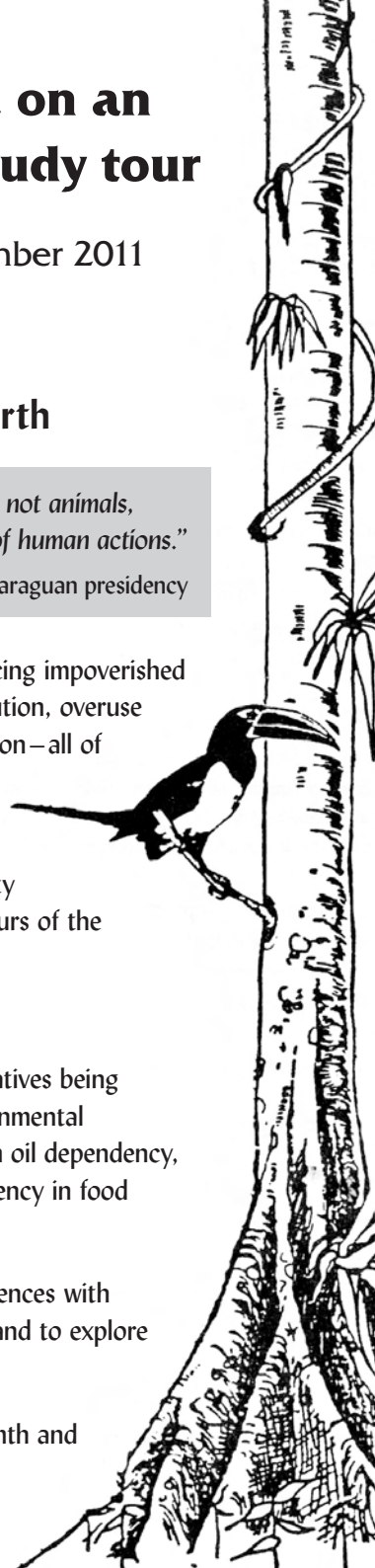
Dr Jaime Incer Barquero, advisor on the environment to the Nicaraguan presidency

Nicaragua is a microcosm of the environmental problems facing impoverished countries: global warming, monoculture, deforestation, pollution, overuse of pesticides, rising food prices and environmental degradation—all of which exacerbate high levels of poverty.

Our trips to Nicaragua are part of NSC’s work promoting solidarity between UK and Nicaraguan community activists and environmentalists. We also organise speaker tours of the UK, publish information and raise funds for small projects.

What is the purpose of the study tour?

- To learn about and experience the many innovative initiatives being implemented by the Nicaraguan government, non governmental organisations, and social movements to move away from oil dependency, to promote community solidarity, to increase self sufficiency in food production and to protect the environment
- To provide an opportunity to exchange ideas and experiences with Nicaraguan community activists and environmentalists and to explore ways of building solidarity links with the UK
- To enjoy the stunning Nicaraguan scenery and the warmth and hospitality of Nicaraguans



2011 study tour

- **Week 1** will be spent in the rural community of Guadalupe Abajo, northern Nicaragua, working with women on backyard organic gardening. This project aims to overcome food shortages, improve nutrition, build self esteem and encourage self sufficiency in food.
- **Week 2** will be spent visiting government programmes, community and environmental organisations in other parts of Nicaragua, working on areas such as recycling, indigenous seed production, community tourism, Fairtrade coffee, renewable energy, self sufficiency in food, and protection of endangered turtles. The programme will be varied according to the interests of the participants.

The **2012 study tour** will follow the same format but the group will also take part in the 'National Fair for the Earth' organised by the Young Environmentalists Club and other organisations, to coincide with international environment day.

Our Nicaraguan partner organisation is the Nicaraguan Community Movement
www.mnicaraguense.org

“Not only humans desired liberation. The entire ecology cried for it. The revolution is also for lakes, rivers, trees and animals.”

Poet Ernesto Cardenal, in reference to the overthrow of the
43 year Somoza dictatorship by the Sandinistas in 1979

How much will it cost?

Ground and organisational costs: £650 includes preparation in the UK, accommodation, transport, all meals, interpreting/accompaniment in Nicaragua.

Flights, airport taxes and insurance are additional. **It is advisable to book as early as possible.**

Further information:

campaigns@nicaraguasc.org.uk

Tel: 020 7561 4836

www.nicaraguasc.org.uk