

Appendix 1: Additional details of quantitative assessment of previous research in Madidi

As there were no organized records available previous to 2004, the analysis was limited to the 10-year period between 2004-2013. A total of 88 research projects were identified (excluding the research described in this paper), of which 3 were immediately excluded from analysis because they were determined to be government-led evaluations that did not have research as the primary aim (i.e. hydrological measurement, monitoring). Of the remaining projects, 46% were led by principal investigators based at foreign institutions and 54% were Bolivian-based. For all other projects the following information was recorded (to the extent that it was available): principal investigator(s), institution, type of study, years carried out, title of project, subject, geographical location, research objectives and contact information of the PIs. Contact details for the principal investigators was able to be found for 75 of the projects, who were then contacted either in person, by telephone or via email. Of these contact attempts, 15 went unanswered, one person explicitly refused to answer the questions, 11 responded that the study in question was not carried out in Madidi due to permitting problems or other issues, and nine responded by email but didn't complete the questions. Over a one-year period (between December 2013-November 2014) I then attempted to follow up with the principal investigator(s) listed on each project to verify the information obtained and ask additional questions about the level of local involvement in the project, potential implications for management and extent to which the research results were disseminated and/or published. For the remaining 40 studies, complete information was obtained directly from the principal investigator and the data presented are based on this subsample of projects.