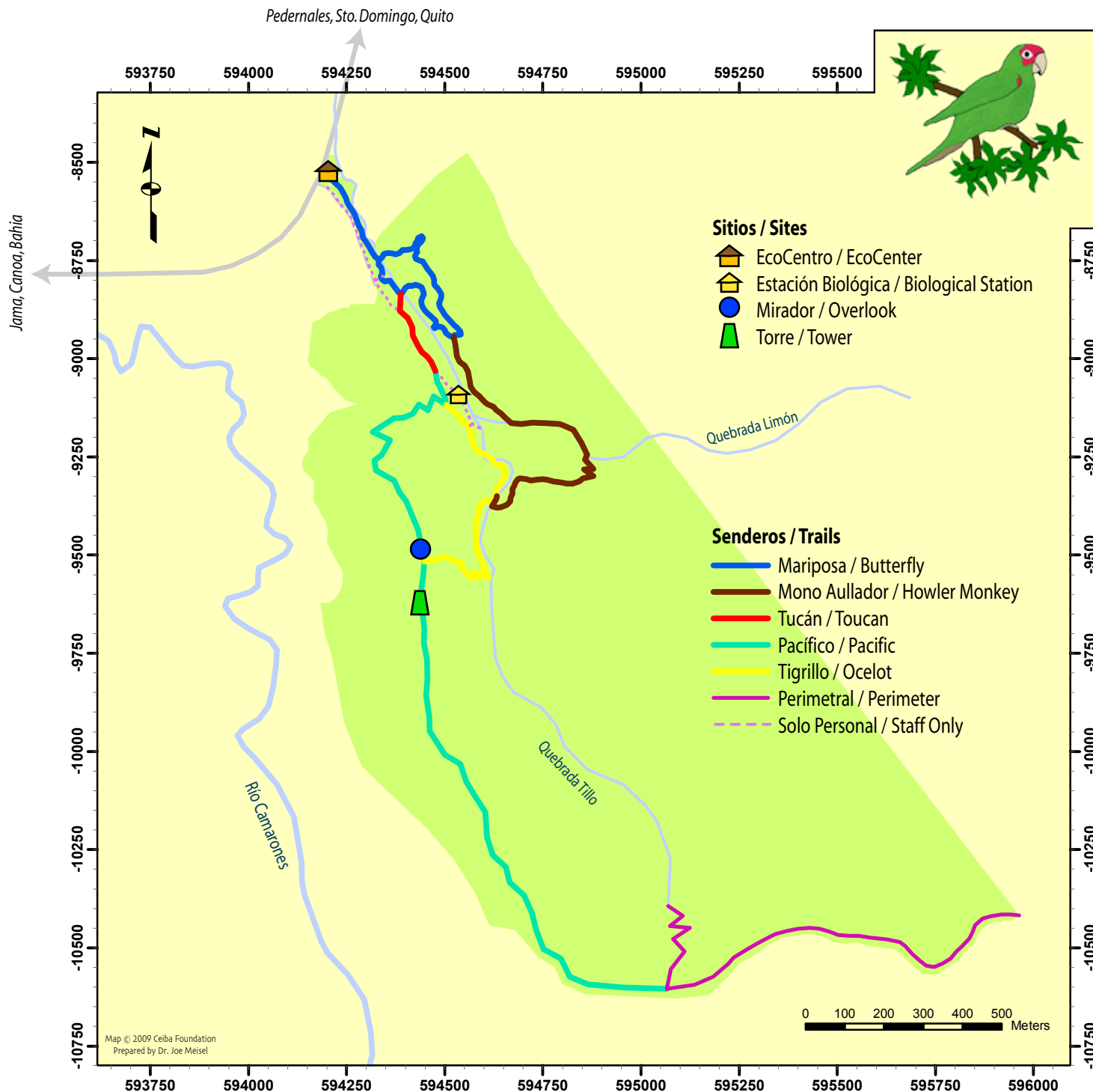


Bosque Seco Lalo Loor

Lalo Loor Dry Forest



Getting There: 30 min south of Pedernales (Quito - Sto. Domingo - El Carmen - Pedernales); or 30 minutes north of Canoa (Guayaquil - Manta - Bahia - Canoa). Entrance just south of the town of Tabuga.

Facilities: 500 acre reserve with 4 miles of trails. EcoCenter with museum exhibits, biological station for overnight stays.

Trails: Self-guided **Butterfly** (45 min) winds through level secondary forest. **Pacific** (45 min) climbs very dry forest to an ocean overlook. **Howler Monkey** (30 min) crosses lowlands and a ridge favored by monkeys. **Toucan** (10 min) enters bird-rich forest along a wide, level trail. **Ocelot** (30 min) follows a stream under moist primary forest canopy. **Perimeter** (Pacific trail + 1 hr) reaches highest forest at the back of the reserve.



Forest Dragon (Enyalioides sp.)

Dry Forest: Characterized by a long dry season (May - Dec) when many trees lose their leaves. Plants and animals rely on special adaptations to survive the hot, dry months, such as photosynthetic bark, water-swollen trunks, spiny defenses, and large flowers. In actuality, Lalo Loor is a transitional site, exhibiting superb examples of wet and dry forests.

Reservations & Information: Please contact the Ceiba Foundation's Quito office (2-243-2240), the Lalo Loor Dry Forest Reserve Manager (loor@ceiba.org), or call the reserve directly (09-027-6471). For more information, see www.ceiba.org/loor.htm or write mail@ceiba.org



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