

Biology Professor Visits CATIE in Costa Rica

This summer **Dr. Subhrajit Saha** visited the Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Centre (better known as CATIE-Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza) in Costa Rica and its research sites in Nicaragua. Funded by the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the United Nations and the World Bank, CATIE is the biggest tropical agricultural research center in Central America and has regional offices in 14 Latin American countries. At CATIE, Dr. Saha gave a presentation on his agroecological research in Georgia and discussed the possibilities of collaboration and student exchange. CATIE is well known for their research in Cacao and Coffee. Dr. Saha visited the CATIE's Cacao and Coffee plantations, where researchers from all over the world are conducting their studies. CATIE has expressed interest in developing a formal relationship with Georgia Southern and welcomes GSU students to conduct their field studies in Costa Rica and Nicaragua. Dr. Saha is exploring the possibility with GSU's Center for International Studies to develop a formal connection with CATIE. The research and work opportunities with CATIE will greatly benefit GSU students, especially the ones with interest in tropical agriculture and tropical forest ecology.



Dr. Saha is sharing a moment with a Coffee farmer in Llano Bonito, Cartago, Costa Rica.



Dr. Saha is examining a cacao fruit at a forest nursery in Matagalpa, Nicaragua. The cacaos from this region are well-known for chocolate production.



Dr. Saha is with CATIE researchers and farmers at a mixed agroforestry plantation in Masatepe, Nicaragua.