

Polish-Venezuelan scientific exploration team reached Tramen Tepui summit in Venezuela

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Photo: Marek Arcimowicz

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On February 14 at 3.30 PM, Polish-Venezuelan expedition under the auspices of National Geographic Polska reached the previously unconquered , difficult Tramen Tepui peak (2726 m) located on the border of Venezuela and Guyana. The first conquerors were Carlos Mario Osorio, Alberto Raho, and Polish mountaineer and photographer Marek Arcimowicz.

In very difficult conditions of pristine, mountainous rainforest, the expedition was headed by Michał Kochończyk, told PAP Monika Rogozińska, chairman of the Polish branch of The Explorers Club.

Other members of the adventurous team included Izabela Stachowicz, a graduate of biology at the Jagiellonian University, enthusiast of tropical ecosystems and scientific challenges, and Manuel Mosquera, Venezuelan enthusiast of climbing, which became his way of life.

Polish biologist takes samples of insects and plants. Members of the expedition told Monika Rogozińska that they already knew that Izabela Stachowicz had discovered a previously unknown endemic species of frogs. Zoological Museum of the Jagiellonian University will assist in identifying more species.

"The rain was pouring. Everything was wet, including sleeping bags - Marek Arcimowicz told Monika Rogozińska on the pone. - At night the temperature dropped down to few degrees. After reaching the summit Tepui, a densely overgrown plateau, we started to penetrate the area. Later, we spent almost four hours searching in the tangle for the place of descent, where we left our climbing equipment."

Current communications on the expedition can be followed on the official website of the project: <http://wenezuela.esri.pl/>

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