Above, the work done to this terrace involved re-leveling the foundation ring, resetting retaining wall dripstones and re-leveling the walkway’s flagstone paved floor. Walter Hinojosa showed the conservators how they did this work.

In 2009-2010, significant progress was made at Ciudad Perdida, including:
Planning

- During the summer a team from GHF visited Ciudad Perdida to conduct site mapping and threat documentation to aid in site planning and monitoring
- Work is also continuing on the preparation of a Master Plan to guide conservation and development work in and around the site to ensure its long-term sustainability
- Preparations have begun for mapping Ciudad Perdida and surrounding sites during the dry season (December-February) by a joint GHF-ICANH Team
- Colombian Institute of Anthropology conservation team visited Ciudad Perdida in September to determine major conservation threats and design preventive maintenance protocols advising on short, medium and long term actions need to ensure site sustainability

Conservation

- At the beginning of the year, tourist accommodations were moved off of the site to reduce impact on the delicate archaeological remains
- Suitability analysis has been conducted to identify a more appropriate location for helicopter landings as an alternative to the main ceremonial platform, which is currently used for this purpose
- Trees which threaten the site’s archaeological features have been identified, and a plan is being prepared for their careful removal
- GHF and ICANH conservation team conducted a one day workshop at the National Museum on Ciudad Perdida research and conservation history and prior interventions at Pueblito archaeological site.
- ICANH conservation team visited the site in September and re-leveled a broken up foundation ring and sunken flagstone paved terrace floor to determine approximate time frames, equipment, labor, and man-hours required to achieve these tasks in other areas

Community

- A visitors map is being prepared to complement the guide book and inform visitors about the trail and locations of tourist facilities along it
- GHF is working with the indigenous Kogi to identify incidents of looting in the region and devise solutions to mitigate this grave threat
- GHF is working with peasant community to devise a lodge and trail garbage collection micro-business
- GHF met with ICANH, the National Park Service and the ViceMinistry of Tourism with the aim of coordinating possible improvements to lodges and securing technical aid for water sanitation systems, trail signage, and maintenance
Partnerships

- GHF met with Colombian private sector industry leaders in June with the aim of creating a Colombian Heritage Organization. Further meetings are pending with Fundacion Corona, Grupo Corona, and Grupo Bolivar.
- GHF has applied to a CitiFoundation grant (US$ 60,000) aimed at improving trailhead town school curriculum.
- GHF is currently designing a proposal for securing USAID funds from the Colombian Conservation Landscapes program for capacity building and training of local guides, as well as indigenous and peasant smallholders on various topics, including Leave No Trace protocols, wilderness first aid, sustainable building practices, silvopastoral productive systems, and rural microentrepreneurship related to heritage and natural conservation.