

Project Update: June 2012

During our first field season (March to July 2012) we were able to obtain substantial data on shorebird ecology. We carried out weekly surveys in Samborombon Bay; we identify several banded red knots and Hudsonian godwits. We also carried out a banding campaign: the first 13 red knots of Samborombón Bay were banded. Regarding trophic ecology we obtained hundreds of sediment, benthic and fecal samples from eight shorebird species. Several volunteers assisted with field work and were trained in a series of techniques. Concerning awareness raising and capacity building we offered presentations and workshops to more than 400 students and 70 teachers; we also gave interviews to local media. We were invited by local authorities to contribute to the implementation of the area's management plan. In sum, we produce information that will provide valuable insight about shorebirds' needs and we strengthened ties with all key actors working cooperatively with them.



Left: Banding Red Knots with the collaboration of local park rangers. ©Gabriel Castresana. Right: Benthic sampling. © Luis O. Bala.



Left: Birdwatching with local community. © María del Carmen Manterola. Right: Conducting environmental education activities. © Maximiliano Navarro.



Left: Conducting censuses at Punta Rasa, Samborombon Bay. © Carlos Calimares. Right: Red Knot with flag and geolocator observed at Punta Rasa. © Natalia S. Martínez Curci.