

Project Update: February 2014

We began the formal investigation in November 2013, thus coinciding with the beginning of dry season and the rice planting at Acarigua and Turen (State Portuguesa). During the rainy season, we will make two samples corresponding to the next rice planting, and if all goes well we will terminate the field phase in October 2014.

Scope

(1) To date, we have collected fecal samples of the following species: *Molossus molossus* (n=90), *M. sinaloae* (n=22), *M. coibensis* (n=7), *Molossops temminckii* (n=5), *Eptesicus diminutus* (n=78), *Noctilio albiventris* (n=2), *Saccopteryx bilineata* (n=2), *S. leptura* (n=18), *Rhynchonycteris naso* (n=4), *Pteronotus personatus* (n=2), *P. parnellii* (n=1), *P. davyi* (n=2), *P. gymnonotus* (n=2), *Mormoops megalophylla* (n=1), *Rhogeessa tumida* (n=2) y *Lasiurus ega* (n=1).

(2) We have trained a total of 5 people interested in the project.

(3) The project was highlighted in X Congreso Venezolano de Ecología, and soon it will be made known in the Boletín de la Red Latinoamericana para la Conservación de Murciélagos (RELCOM).



Left: Captures of *Molossus molossus* in its artificial shelter (January 2014). Right: Collaborators of Acarigua helping to process samples (February 2014)