

Project Update: June 2013

On May 23rd 2013 we characterized the first nest of *Paleosuchus trigonatus* in Venezuela. The nest was found on May 15th by Ramon Jasatao (Sanema Community Monitor) and Manuel Asatali (Sanema parabiologist), who detected the nest in a stream bank, in the middle Erebato river basin, near the community of Ayawaña.

The nest site was 3.3 km of Erebato riverbank. The habitat was characterised by vegetation cover, distance relative to the water body, width and depth of the stream, slope, among others. Once discovered the nest we recorded four predated eggs, which added to the shell found outside the nest add five predated eggs. Eight eggs were intact, which were measured and weighed.

This record will add to a small number of nests of *P. trigonatus* characterised, which will certainly allow get more data on nests of this species, in order to promote their conservation and sustainable management.



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