

### Project Update: March 2013

For 2 weeks have been at the Caño Palma Biological Station on the border between the Barra del Colorado Wildlife Refuge and the Tortuguero National Park. The first week has been one of exploration of the areas surrounding the station and the discovery of the different types of habitat suitable for the collection of the faeces of *Allouata palliata*, *Ateles geoffroyi* and *Cebus capucinus* (i.e. remote areas, areas near villages and ecotourism sites). After the first week, I began the sampling of faeces. When, I go out on the morning, the first task is locating troops of monkeys and then following them until at least two individuals of the group defecate.

For the moment, I have been sampling 14 individuals of five different groups in a fragmented forest near a village and on an ecotourism site. Five weeks remain to pursue my endeavour of sampling in one other forest near another village, two other ecotourism sites and two remote areas.



*Allouata palliata*

*Ateles geoffroyi geoffroyi*

*Cebus capucinus*