

### **Project Update: July 2005**

We began the survey aboard the commercial coastal bottom trawlers at Puerto Quequén on last November 2004. Our fieldwork comprises both the ranking of the elasmobranch vital condition in the commercial capture and the monitoring of the actual state of each condition in survival tanks. The bulk of the sampled species comprises the batoids *Zapterix brevirostris*, *Rioraja agassizi*, *Atlantoraja cyclophora*, *A. castelnaui*, *Psammobatis bergi*, *P. extenta*, *Sympterygia bonapartii*, *S. acuta*, and the sharks *Mustelus schmitti*, *Squatina* spp. and *Notorynchus cepedianus*.

We are also working to organize with the local University (Universidad Nacional del Centro de la Provincia de Buenos Aires, Unidad de Enseñanza Universitaria de Quequén) a course for primary and secondary school teachers. This course will be about the conservation of elasmobranches in the south of Buenos Aires Province and will be given on the second semester of this year.