

Project Update: September 2013

This project began in June 2013 and since then has had two field data collection trips. The first trip was done 14th – 17th June falling water season and we completed a total of 18 transects. The second trip was during low water season, 12th – 16th August and a total of 28 transects were completed. Both species were observed. When doing transects, two Cpods were submerged for the duration of the trip to record river dolphin's activity. They were located on both sides of the lagoon.

We also had a meeting with local authorities, including the Municipality of Yarinacocha, the local division of the Peruvian Coastguard and Fisheries Ministry (Ministerio de la Produccion). These meetings were to present the project, the importance and objectives and also to get permits.

During our August trip we also presented the project to the Tourist Boat Association and gave them some general information of Amazon River dolphins. We also discussed what they considered were the significant threats to the Amazon river dolphin population. They gave us important information about the distribution of both species around the lagoon, and asked us for more information to be shared in future presentations.

