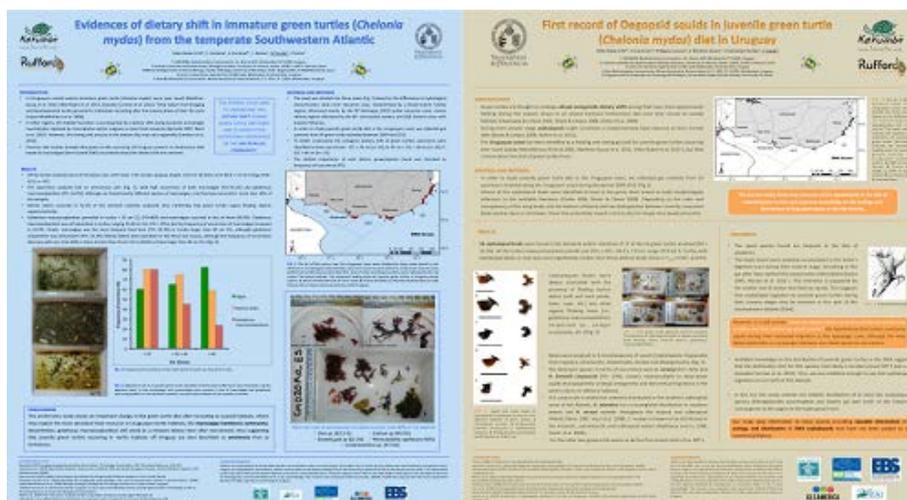


## Project Update: August 2014

### 1. Research activities:

- We finished the skin and carapace sample collection. During March and April 2014, 80 turtles were captured and released in the Marine Protected Area of Cerro Verde and Islas de La Coronilla.
- We presented two research poster to the 34<sup>th</sup> International Sea Turtle Symposium in New Orleans:
  - **Gabriela M. Vélez-Rubio**, Luis Cardona, Alvar Carranza, Luciana Alonso, Natalia Teryda, Jesús Tomás. EVIDENCES OF DIETARY SHIFT IN IMMATURE GREEN (*Chelonia mydas*) TURTLES FROM TEMPERATE SOUTHWESTERN ATLANTIC.
  - **Gabriela M. Vélez-Rubio**, Alvar Carranza, Luis Cardona, Raul Minguez, Gustavo Martínez-Souza, Jesús Tomás. FIRST RECORD OF OEGOPSID SQUID IN JUVENILE GREEN TURTLE (*Chelonia mydas*) DIET IN URUGUAY.



- We finish the macroalgae surveys in the MPA of Cerro Verde and Cabo Polonio.



2. Education and outreach.

- From March 2014 we continued working on the creation of Management Plan for the MPA of Cerro Verde, giving technical advice for the stakeholders and workers of the MPAs.
- In this period we participated in the monthly meeting of the Specific Commission of Cerro Verde MPA to work on the implementation of the management plan of the area.
- We finished the design of the posters (1.5 x 80 cm) about green turtle feeding habits and threats for the two protected areas, in collaboration with SNAP (Protected areas National System).



- From April 2014, we are members of the tourism group to prepare the Tourist strategy in the Management Plan of MPA of Cerro Verde. We have twice meetings per month.
- Second training course with rangers and MPA workers in Cabo Polonio National Park. On August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014, we took part in the workshop “Training for Management in Protected areas”. During this workshop, the ranger gave us all the information and samples collected of stranded sea turtles in the protected area.

