

Project Update: April 2014

During 2014 we have achieved the following:

1. We continue to assess jaguar distribution in Tortuguero National Park. Our data highlights the effects of anthropogenic pressures on the current occupancy of the felid and affirms the importance of marine turtles as a key component in maintaining the jaguar population.
2. We conducted a workshop for the park rangers and farmers of Barra del Colorado Wildlife Refuge about “Non-invasive Methods to Study Jaguars”, and we also set up the first camera traps.
3. We participated with an oral presentation and a poster in the “IV Congreso Mesoamericano de Áreas Protegidas, San José, Costa Rica” where we raised awareness of the research being carried out within the Tortuguero National Park.
4. Our first scientific publication entitled “First Record of *Puma concolor* (Carnivora: Felidae) in Tortuguero National Park, Costa Rica” was accepted by the journal Brenesia and will be published in the second semester of the present year.

