

## Project Update: February 2015

### Observations

We have made observations on the Amazon River close to the city of Iquitos with 9 outings in January 2015 (3<sup>rd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>). A total of five different volunteers have participated with an average of two per outing. A total of 163 river dolphins were counted, 57 pink dolphins *Inia geoffrensis* and 106 grey dolphins *Sotalia fluviatilis* - the best month for the observation as the record was 124 in March 2014 but with seven outings only! The last two outings were really interesting with a lot of dolphins playing but also... a lizard on our boat!

### Education

No conferences in January 2015 because it's the big holiday period till mid-March.

### Meetings

Only one weekly meeting was organised but with only one volunteer, most of them are on holiday.

### Conferences

We have organized one conference with Dr Pedro Mayor Aparicio (Spain) from the University of Barcelona. He has talked about the communities and their relation with the ecosystem. It was a great success with 42 participants.

### Others

I was invited for an interview to a TV show on a local channel. I have talked about the river dolphins and the conservation program of Solinia.

Also we have finalised the design of the new posters that we will print in February, see attached.



