

Project Update: September 2014

The educational programme “Delfines del Río Negro” began in 2011 and involved more than 8,000 students from 40 schools in the surrounding communities of this important estuary. With the help of Rufford Small Grants, this programme will reach other 2,000 students from 10 other new schools between 2014 and 2015. This support will help us reach a total of over 10,000 students involved in conservation of their cetaceans.

During August and September 2014, this educational programme visited three schools in the cities of Viedma and Carmen de Patagones, where more than 500 students attended lectures on the importance of the Río Negro Estuary and its dolphins. In these meetings we conducted discussions on how to help preserve the dolphins and their habitat. A prominent topic in each meeting was the need to create the Natural Protected Area of the Río Negro Estuary. Then each student group designed posters to reach out to the surrounding communities of their schools, and presenting ways to collaborate in the conservation of this great estuary.



High school student from Viedma, Patagonia Argentina drawing posters to spread the conservation needs of Río Negro Estuary's dolphins. Photo: Fundación Cethus.

Students from high school CEM No. 18 (Viedma, Patagonia Argentina), presenting posters to spread the conservation needs of Río Negro Estuary's dolphins. Photo: Fundación Cethus.



Landscape of Río Negro Estuary, Patagonia Argentina: home of Franciscana and Bottlenose dolphins. Photo: Fundación Cethus.