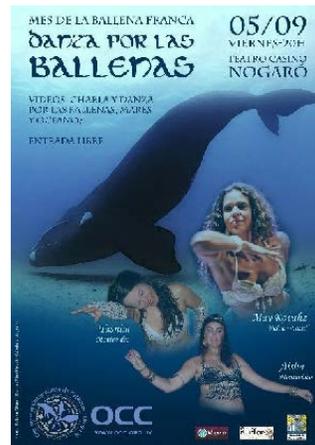


## Project Update: December 2014

1. **LAUNCHINGS SEASON WHALES (August)** include departing to the sea for whale watching and audio-visual projections in three communities:
  - 1.1. Piriapolis (Thursday 14): whale watching trip and lunch invited by the local Restorn Aerosillas.
  - 1.2. Punta del Este (Friday 15) including the launch of the Application for Tablets and Cellulares for whale watching "Sightseeing" CUALIT. <http://www.sightseaingapp.com/> Over 100 people attended the lectures on cetaceans, seabirds and Responsible Tourism Complex Ancap Gorlero (Departmental Administration Maldonado).
  - 1.3. La Paloma (Sunday 17)



2. **Brazil-Uruguay International Liaison Right Whale ROUTE,**
  - 2.1. The presence of Brazilian authorities, to ratify this regional agreement between both countries, which include several cooperation aspects on responsible tourism and conservation.
  - 2.2. Masterful dance (belly dance) and videos. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PDLShgbhVd8&list=PLSUB55kbWSFU1Od8v1LdSM7lhupMwWzJR&index=6>



3. **Educational talks about WHALE SANCTUARY** in schools and colleges by the OCC team



4. **Over-flight coastal survey to photo-identify** and count whales, nearly 500 km helicopter (02 September) with the support of the Naval Air Force Base Curbelo and Cetacean Society International.

5. **Dissertation on Seabirds** (by local photographers) and photographic exhibition de Ballenas en Uruguay.

6. **Participate in the delegation of Uruguay government** (Rodrigo García as technical advisor to the commissioner) at 65mA International Whaling Commission in Slovenia (15-18 September); presenting two initiatives of enormous significance.



7. **WORKSHOP SHIPSTRIKES PREVENTION** with WHALES, Conference NAVAL COMMAND, Tuesday December 09.



Speakers: Navy Commander Fernando Pérez (Director of Environment Naval Army), Lic. Mario Batallés (Chief of Species Control and Biosecurity; DINAMA-MVOMTA), Dr. Carlos Rodríguez Brianza (Environment director of Chancillery), Lic. Mónica Gómez of Sciences Faculty (Project Spacial marine planification) and Official Center Centro de Información Oficial IMPO, Margarita Garcia, Elena Marmissolle y Juan Fernando Abellá.

8. **WORKSHOP RESCUE ASSISTANCE** and Cetacean strandings'. 08 and December 10, 2014 Faculty of Veterinary / 14 to 18hrs



Basic anatomy and physiology of cetaceans. Recommendations to stranding's, first aid and experiences. Speaker: Rodrigo García Pingaro (OCC). Importance of scientific research on cetaceans. Cardiac and digestive anatomy. Speaker: William Pérez. Necropsy and sampling. Speaker: Dr Pacheco. Parasitic necropsy and sampling. (Two instances sampling). Speaker: Dr Valledor. Diseases, zoonoses. Speaker: Dr Fumagalli. Practices Cetacean body measurements with a Franciscan (Pontoporia sp). Instance exclusively with authorities and powers of government. Advances Stranding Protocol.

Radio interview: <http://www.espectador.com/medioambiente/304148/mejor-prevenir-que-desencallar>

9. **Fair "Marine Fest"**: for two days, OCC held a stand with brochures and biological materials, such as whale bones and baleens, and organized the cleaning of the event with the participants. <http://www.fiestadelmar.com.uy/>



10. **Coastal marine CLEAN UP:** 3 beach clean-ups (August, September, and November) were performed by the local municipality and together members of the community of La Paloma. The debris were counted according to the type of waste (plastic, metal, container type, etc.).



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