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Environmental education is a very important part of our project because La Guajira is affected by local pollution. We conducted outreach activities in two primary schools and with some groups of fishermen in Mingueo and Dibulla towns. We want to involve the local fishermen in our project, since they are in constant contact with marine mammals in La Guajira. For this reason, we provide them a guide on dolphin's species, and some forms that they can fill out when they see dolphins while they are fishing. In the schools we worked with around 70 kids, showing them what marine mammal species they can find in La Guajira. Surprisingly, most of children have not seen a dolphin ever. In addition, we showed to children a short presentation on garbage management and the consequences of contamination on our planet. We also presented an educational video, and children did an environmental compromise.



Left: Environmental education with children in The Dibulla School; Middle: Children painting in Dibulla town; Right: Meeting with the fishermen in Mingueo town. Photos by Dalia Barragán).



Left: An adult of *Stenella frontalis* doing bow riding in La Guajira (Colombia). Right: A juvenile of *Tursiops truncatus* jumping in La Guajira.