## **Project Update: July 2016**

The project is going very well, we have conducted over 150 interviews to fishers and local communities along coastal areas to identify sites where sawfish still exists. The interviews have been successful in that we now have a better understanding on specific sites with very recent sightings (early this year) and have also identify some of the main reasons contributing with their historic decline.

We have made several talks and produce t-shirts, stickers, posters and other information about the project. Now, as we continue the interview phase on other areas of the country we are also planning to start some field sampling expeditions in the potential hotspots we have identified to validate our findings.

We are also collaborating with local NGOs to have a broader conservation presence and I am working together with layers and congressmen to put a bill that will guarantee legal protection to this critically endangered species in Costa Rica.





















