

Project Update: December 2016

Field activities began in August 2016. First, I carried out meetings with local leaders and fishers' representatives at the three selected coastal communities of Buenaventura, in the Colombian Pacific: Bocana, Punta Bonita and Pital. Endorsement of local leaders was granted to begin the project as planned. At each community, one local assistant was selected and trained on methods for data collection related to fishing landings, particularly on marine environmental conditions, fishing effort, landed weight per species and size of fishes and invertebrates caught. I normally spend 1 week per month at each community, supporting data collection activities and getting to know more the fishers and their families. At the end of each month, I take note of selling prices for the most important commercial species in the port of Buenaventura. In this way I assess the dynamics of both the fishing catches and of the economic income for fishers.

