

## Project Update: September 2017

Fisheries data collection in the field continued, until the end of August 2017 at the three selected coastal communities near the city port of Buenaventura, Colombian Pacific coast. Despite constant coordination and support from the local observers, some gaps in data collection - particularly on records of daily fishing activity - occurred during my medical disability period, during May and June 2017 (see previous update), in which I could not visit the sampling sites. We expect that those gaps will not significantly affect future data analysis. A final workshop with fishers and local leaders was carried out at each of the coastal communities involved. During the workshops, preliminary results from data collected at the respective community and next steps of the research project were presented. As a result of the workshops, valuable feedback was received from the fishers. After completion of the fieldwork phase of the project, I travelled back to Bremen (Germany) on September 13<sup>th</sup> 2017, where I will spend the following months carrying out data processing, statistical analysis and writing, as part of my PhD thesis.



During the past months, I also had the opportunity to attend an academic event in Colombia, where I presented the scope of my research and some preliminary results. This was the International Congress of Conservation Biology (ICCB), which took place in Cartagena, from 23rd-27th July 2017. The cost of attending the event was partially covered with funds from the Rufford Small Grant.

