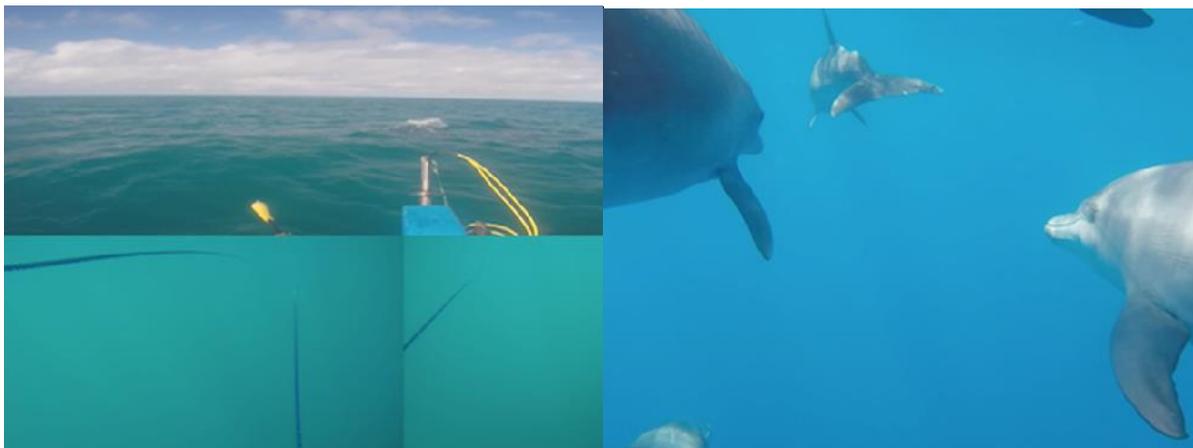


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The first season of data collection has been completed. After hard work setting up the structure in order to properly submit the underwater cameras to unusual conditions of navigation attached to the hull of a research vessel, everything went just fine. The first immediate output of the project was 90 registers of interest and scientific relevance. Some results obtained beyond reaction-related expected behaviours, such as recordings of humpback whale songs, sad registers of fishing-gear entangled to the whales, two species of dolphins with unique and identifiable marks swimming within the bow's wave, underwater photo-identification and registers of associated fauna of fishes and their interaction with whales. As soon as the results were organised, they were presented orally in the XI Congress of Latinamerica Society of Specialists in Aquatic Mammals (SOLAMAC - RT17 - <http://solamac2016.com/congress/>) and the purposed methodology aroused interest of both researchers and tourism professionals, willing to replicate the approach on their study areas.



Left: Setup of the underwater structure designed for this study. Right: On-field shot of the moment of an underwater video register.



Left: Fishing gear entangled to a whale's fluke. Right: Underwater register of *Tursiops truncatus* swimming along the vessel's bow.



Oral presentation on 17 RT Solamac, Chile.