

## Project Update: March 2006

Samplings in shore of Laguna Verde (Laguna Blanca National Park) have shown that the species prefer coarse fragment (gravel, boulder and bedrock) and areas with vegetation (for large *Myriophyllum quitense*).



The sampling in deeper areas with vegetation was made using a boat. The captures were abundant especially at 4.5 m depth. Adults showed an important development of bagginess and interdigital membrane.

The species has been found in six new lagoons in Laguna Blanca system. Laguna Colorada, Neuquén, is the only lagoon in the system where the species has been found sharing the habitat with introduced fish.



Future studies will indicate if the *Atelognathus patagonicus* population in Laguna Colorada (Neuquén, Argentina) might survive.