

## Project Update: September 2010

The preliminary trip to mangrove forest has been undertaken to divide Chquimulilla canal into more or less even transects and to define sampling points for water monitoring. The water monitoring protocol was prepared and implemented. Surveys are to be conducted early in the morning, every 15-21 days (depending on a tide). To get a better idea about local ichthyofauna we will prepare a survey and conduct interviews with local fishermen to find out about fish that can be seen (species, size, etc) in the canal and that used to be seen but no longer are. The bird monitoring protocol and a small bird guide for bird observations has been prepared and first bird monitoring surveys were conducted. All observations will be entered into a database and submitted to [e-bird.org](http://e-bird.org). Mangrove forest surveys are to be conducted every month to estimate forest mass growth rates.

