

Project Update: September 2009

From February 2009 we did a further 12 field trips for photo-identification purposes to our four study areas, three for each area, and on March 19th 2009 we finished our fieldwork. The months of April, May and June has been dedicated to data analysis. We have over 100 different individual dolphins identified by their natural marks and included in our catalogue. In April 2009, I participated in a workshop to discuss the conservation of the Guiana dolphin (that is the English name recently established for *Sotalia guianensis* by the International Whale Commission) in northeast Brazil, and preliminary results were presented. Part of the population studied can be said to be resident, showing high site fidelity and small area range. Estuarine ecosystems seem to play an important role to habitat usage of these dolphins and conservation measures are needed in the area. Our final reported will be prepared and presented by August 2009.

