

Project Update June 2024

Fieldwork activities resumed in May 2024, with a delay from the original schedule due to unexpected heavy rainfall in the study area. The bird communities of 17 mangroves were successfully sampled with three fieldwork campaigns. Originally, we were planning on sampling 20 mangroves, but we were not able to access three of the intended sites. However, it did not compromise the urbanisation gradient (percentage of urban area in the landscape varies from 0 to 57.6% between mangroves, as an example). A total of 117 bird species were registered in the mangroves of southern Bahia, Brazil. The most common species were the peach-fronted parakeet (*Eupsittula aurea*), little blue heron (*Egretta caerulea*), purple martin (*Progne subis*) and the snowy egret (*Egretta thula*). We are now conducting data analysis and developing the educational resource, which is to be distributed in the local communities in October 2024.



Photograph: A mixed flock of snowy egrets (*Egretta thula*) and great egrets (*Ardea alba*) stand on the roof of a fishing boat in the mangroves of Valença, waiting to prey on fish leftovers that the fishermen discard.