

## **Project Update: December 2010**

After the submission of our final report we had some motivating news regarding the edition and distribution of our handbook entitled *Southern Pampas Coastal dunes: biodiversity, ecology and conservation between the river Queuqén Salado and Pehuen-có village* (*Dunas costeras de la Pampa austral: biodiversidad, ecología y conservación entre el río Quequén Salado y el balneario Pehuen-có*).

This is the first book devoted specifically to describe the natural ecosystem of sand dunes and beaches of southern Pampas, focusing on one of the most ecologically valuable sectors in the coastal zone of Buenos Aires Province. Almost 100 institutions, including schools, museums, libraries and other organisations linked to education and the preservation of the natural heritage of our coast, received the printed material, in the localities of Punta Alta, Pehuen-có, Dorrego, Oriente, Monte hermoso and Villa Gesell, and also in other cities in the rest of the country. All copies were distributed for free.

We were invited by several institutions to give talks and to make the presentation of our handbook. These events are very important, because we could raise awareness about the conservation of the coastal areas, disseminate our work and strengthen our relationship with community members. Also some local radios and a national newspaper published news on the edition of our handbook and the project we developed in the Pampean coast (see one of them:

<http://www.hacercomunidad.org/escribi/articulo/8684>).

The Honourable Chamber of Deputies of the Province of Buenos Aires gave our material the statement of "legislative interest".

We are very proud of our work and we believe it was an important contribution to enhance peoples approach to the knowledge of our Pampean coastal areas, stimulating a conservationist point of view.

The material is now also available at our web site:

<http://www.fundacionazara.org.ar/Investigacion/Proyectos/Costas/Materiales.htm>