

## Project Update: January 2011

The Natutama educators developed three new wildlife diplomas for our primary school education programme in 2010: the turtle, pirarucu fish and Ceiba tree diplomas focused attention on conservation campaigns for endangered Amazon species that are being protected by fishermen, together with manatees and dolphins. Some 400 children earned their diplomas in Amazon schools and another 300 in the cities of Bogota and Cali. More than 600 children went on field trips to learn more about the animals represented in the diplomas.

With the Amazon River dropping to a record low and the drought continuing into 2011, Natutama fishermen have observed the disruption of manatee and dolphin migration patterns, with some animals cut off in pools. Pirarucu fish normally clear their nests and spawn as the river rises, but this year their nesting areas are still above the water level and fishermen say pirarucu may not be able to reproduce.



Left: Educator explaining diplomas at Natutama. Right: Fisherman watching released manatee calf.