

Project Update: February 2013

Some of the most important achievements and findings during the last stage of our project:

First activity book on Pampean dunes and beaches, for children!

We are really happy with the edition of our activity book for children from 8 to 12 years, based on the subject of dunes and beaches. It aims to communicate the importance of preserving the ecosystems of Pampean dunes, provides information on the environment, biodiversity and nature reserves, in a child-friendly language and is complemented by activities and games to facilitate learning.

Approximately 1,000 copies will be distributed free, reaching different schools along the Pampean coast. It will soon be available at our web page. We hope this material will help raise awareness among schoolchildren and teachers about the conservation of coastal dunes.

Finding of *Poa schizantha* -a locally endemic species- at the dunes in Coronel Dorrego.

Our finding occurred close to the Arroyo los Gauchos Nature Reserve. *Poa schizantha* is a locally endemic plant (family Poaceae), only found at the dunes in Coronel Dorrego and Monte Hermoso. It was considered extinct for several years. The presence of *P. schizantha* is further evidence of the importance of conservation of the dunes in our work area.



Left: Learning about coastal dune animals at the rural school in the town of Gil. Right: Measuring *Poa schizantha* -locally endemic plant- at the dunes in Coronel Dorrego.