

## Project Update: January 2012

The January survey has just been completed: four sightings of spinner dolphins were recorded, with group sizes ranging from 4 to 120 animals and many photo-recaptures of known individuals. The research team is now complete with two Egyptian undergraduate students from Port Said University (Port Said, Egypt) who will be doing their bachelor thesis on the ecology of *Stenella longirostris* in Samadai, a great chance for them to learn about cetacean research and conservation, and for the project to reach and engage more the Arabic speaking community. Moreover, we were pleased by the visit of Giuseppe Notarbartolo di Sciara, renowned conservationist, key player in the design and establishment of the management plan in place in Samadai back in 2004. Having him there has been a wonderful opportunity to revise and analyse the current situation, highlighting the importance of promoting interpretation and education activities. His consideration are published here: <http://redseadolphinproject.wordpress.com/2012/01/31/samadai-the-magic-continues-2/>

