

Project Update: December 2012

We were at Cerros de Amotape National Park between August 23rd and September 11th 2012, developing the first phase of our project. We recorded around 13 species of reptiles representing around 46 % of the total recorded at this site. Among these species, we were able to record the elusive gymnophthalmid lizard *Alopoglossus festae*, which was “swimming” in leaf litter and the tiny yellow-headed gecko *Gonatodes caudiscutatus* which were witnessed on tree trunks and rock boulders. Park rangers supported us in our field work, learning about capture techniques and field identification. They also helped us during lab work maintaining ongoing feedback with the project team. Now, we are planning our return to the area in January 2013 with intense 20-days of field work concentrating in the most tropical portion of this park. Also, we are starting with developing educational material (posters, guides, etc.) for the Park Rangers training phase and outreach activities, which will be developed from April through to July 2013.

