

## **Project Update: April 2014**

Crocodile scute sample results are rolling in...high AI in them. Water samples are complete and the results are going to Dr Thomas Rainwater, our collaborator and specialist in crocodile toxins. The crocodile population surveys are almost complete and nest site surveys will begin next week. We're still good on funds to finish up. We are starting to put all the past years crocodile data on google docs, and in the last week of May 2014 will be presenting everything at the IUCN-SSC Crocodile Specialist Group (CSG) annual meeting!

Will be asking the CSG for advice on a conservation action plan for American crocodiles in Ambergris Caye, Belize. A proposal will probably be ready and submitted the end of the year. We are trying to raise money to have the Belize Wildlife Officer join us at the international crocodile meeting.

Marisa Tellez, the new Vice Chair of Latin American for CSG, is here and we have been collaborating with her crocodilian parasite PhD research. We have been stomach pumping crocodiles for parasites. She will receive my water sample results as well. We are finding that her parasite results, and my scute and water sample results are all coming together with the same conclusions. So, my research (funded by RSGF) will tie together several publishable papers by colleagues in the next few years!