

## Project Update: January 2015

The project is moving ahead on schedule into wild Patagonia. Since September 2014, we were in the field together with rangers and volunteers, mapping territories of focal bird species, counting aquatic and terrestrial birds in wetlands and forests and surveying mink population by looking for signs along coast of lakes. We had meetings with birdwatchers from San Martín and Junín de los Andes to coordinate place, dates and speakers of training workshop. We met with local people, rangers, tourist guides and fly-fishermen, and disclose information about native birds and feral mink.

Now we are drawing and selecting information to design brochures, and continue with the survey of mink and bird populations.

There is still a long way to go to achieve the objectives and we are conscientious that hard work is needed, but amazing landscapes and the warmth of Patagonian people accompany us in this project.



The great grebe, a native prey of American mink, defending their territory in Quillén lake, Lanín National Park. Photo courtesy of Dario Barroso, a national park ranger.



Mapping Great Brebe's territories with a volunteer on touring kayak. Photo taken by Juan Manuel Girini.