

## Project Update: April 2014

Carla Sanchez, Director of ASUPMATOMA and Stephanie Rousso, Director of ProFaunaBaja, presented their research at the 34th International Sea Turtle Symposium. Over 73 countries were represented at the symposium, so it was an honour to be there amongst very accomplished and experience sea turtle biologists and researchers. The symposium took place in New Orleans, USA from 11<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> April 2014 and most research focused on nesting biology and in-water research of sea turtles around the world.

While the symposium was not part of our funding from Rufford, we are so very thankful to Rufford for choosing to fund the research portion of our project in 2013. Without this funding opportunity, we would not have been able to conduct our research as we did and then go on to present at this symposium. We were able to gain additional sponsors for our travel because of Rufford's reputation and confidence in our research. We even met former Rufford recipients from other countries, one from Sri Lanka.

