

Project Update: August 2014

At the moment, I'm almost finishing the field work and starting the analysis of behavioural and acoustic data. I conducted some preliminary analysis comparing two different places and I could already see certain tendencies. The most important is the fact that dolphins vocalise less frequently in place that has the highest environmental noise (intense vessel traffic). This fact will be published as an abstract in the congress of the specialists in aquatic mammals of South America (SOLAMAC) and is being taken into consideration by the experts responsible for the management of tourism with the Amazon River dolphins in Amazonas state.



Eavesdropping two dolphins communicating. Photo by Nívia Carmo



Dolphins having fun with the ball, resource used as a means for attracting the animals.