

Project Update: November 2014

Between September 20th and October 15th 2014, we have observed a considerably reduction in the sighting rate. Because of this reason, it was more difficult to make boat trips with tourism operators, as they reduced the whale-watching trips too. However, during this time we completed 10 boat trips, five research-exclusively and five on tourism vessels, for a total of 450.2 km travelled during 40 hours 30 min.

During this time we have observed 25 whales in 12 groups in average we found 2.48 whales per group. We have additionally recorded 49 minutes of whale's songs with our hydrophone.

To summarise, during this humpback whale season we have made 49 boat trips (19 research only and 28 on tourism vessels), we have travelled 1905.1 km along the Tribugas gulf and sighted 216 whales in 93 groups. We have recorded 8h 10 min with our hydrophone.



Left: One of the tourism vessel that travelled with us several times.



Left: A juvenile with its dorsal fin hurt, probably by a boat propeller. Right: A group of mother-calf. The most common type of group at the end of the season.