

Project Update: May 2009

The first stage of summer bird research and monitoring activities has successfully finished. Those activities included coastal-marine birds' extensive surveys on north Coast of Navarino Island as a part of ongoing Omora Bird Observatory.

985 birds of 30 species was counted on 34 coastal transects (800 m long × 200 m wide). This census was the first systematic survey conducted in Austral Chile, and allowed Omora's researchers to start a baseline aimed to monitor coastal-marine birds. Interestingly, two typical terrestrial species (Southern Crested-Caracara and Chimango Caracara,) feeding over invertebrates on intertidal zone, on algae stranded accumulations. Those results add new information over the relevance of sea-land ecotone for bird conservation.

Additionally, education activities were conducted, with the first *Ethical birdwatching* experience for 15 students of Universidad de Magallanes (Chile) and University of North Texas (USA) and a workshop for preschool (80) and school (60) students and educators (20). Moreover, we celebrated environmental ethics' interactive classes for 26 children of a permanent Omora school workshop.

