

## **Project Update: June 2005**

### Survey Objectives:

- (a) Contact the Principal of the elementary school of La Coronilla.
- (b) Buy the wood for the hide's construction.
- (c) Visit Isla Verde to establish the exact place for building the hide and monitoring.

### Logistics and activities

We stayed at the house of Carlos Romero, fisherman of La Coronilla, who has given us a great assistance with the project, and will be taking us to and from the island on a motor boat during the project. We made the contacts with the school and the saw-mill of La Coronilla. The Principal embraced our proposal with great pleasure and in the next weeks we are going to have a workshop with all the teachers. We purchase the wood for the hide; we bought forty tables and eight posts.

We could not visit Isla Verde due to weather conditions, but we observed it from Cerro Verde, with a telescope, and counted 300 Kelp Gulls (*Larus dominicanus*) on Isla Verde and 350 on Isla Coronilla (next to the other). During the whole stay we observed one Royal Tern (*Sterna maxima*) in flight and four feeding on the beach (on the mainland). Future activities will involve the setting of the hide on the island and the workshop with the teachers.