

Project Update: February 2007

It has been a busy field season so far, from several beach surveys we have collected many skulls and other pieces of hard tissue which are now being catalogued at the University of Karachi. Many of the skulls do have teeth and now that we have started to identify the species we hope to be able to begin some age determination studies soon. We have also been busy with education and training, which has included some of the members of the CCP team participating in the teaching and training on the first ever course in Pakistan dedicated to marine mammals.

This course was held at the University of Karachi and was hosted by the Center of Excellence in Marine Biology. The course was very popular and was without a doubt a success. We took the class on a training exercise to show them how we conduct beach surveys and we demonstrated how to assist and assess a stranded cetacean. We are continuing to carry out beach surveys and are getting organised to start our expedition into Balochistan shortly.

