## Project Update: July 2018

Since then, a series of events have taken place, one of the most noteworthy is the international interest (volunteers) to collaborate with our project "Unravelling the batoids paradise in the Coast of Costa Rica", which we owe it to Rufford for showing us their support on the web page where the project is shown to the world to see. In addition, thanks to the aforementioned exposure, we've received an invitation to the event "Premios Latinoamerica Verde (Green Latinamerica Awards)" from the 14th to 16th August 2018 that will take place in Guayaquil, Ecuador, due to that we've been selected as part of the 500 best Latin American projects. For us is a grand honour to not only represent Costa Rica, as we'll be proudly showing the support that such a distinguished and renowned organisation as The Rufford Foundation.

On the other hand, is highly important to mention that Mario Espinoza and Isaac Chávez are no longer part of our work force. On account of this membership change and the arrangement of permits we had to do in order to utilize acoustic telemetry, the beginning of this part of the project has been delayed. However, at this moment the rays are already tagged. It is important to mention that now we currently have the backing of a group of veterinarians, volunteers and members of the El Jobo community (children and former fishermen), whom are actively involved in the data collection and directly working with the rays.



