Project Update: February 2018

The second visit was in the temperate season between January 15 and February 1, 2018. There were a total of 44 watchings, 35 fin whales (B. physalus), five of blue whales (B. musculus) and two of bottle nose dolphin (Tursiops truncatus). Concentrations of more than 20 fin whale organisms and up to three of blue whales were counted, both species were feeding in the area. The photo-identification technique was performed and 24 different individuals of fin whale and three of blue whales were found. The best photographs of the right back of the fin whale and the right and left back of the blue whale were selected and a catalog of the temperate season was made in the area.

Monitoring team and fisherman who participated in the San Jorge Bay area. Photograph by M. C. Esther Jiménez
Team of researchers taking a photograph of the back of the fin whale in the area of Puerto Peñasco, Sonora. Photography: B.M. Omar Garcia Castañeda.

Fin whale feeding in the area of Puerto Lobos, Son. Photography: M. C. Jorge Acevedo.