

Project Update: December 2010

Between December 13th - 24th 2010, seven boat surveys were carried out along Tribugá's gulf, traveling 564.7 km. Line transects were carried out between 2 and 13 km off the coast. Since depth increases gradually from the coast, transects covering a significant portion of the bathymetric gradient (0 – 1,800m) were sampled. However, the outermost points of the designed transects were avoided because of limited fuel availability. Sighted species included: bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*), spotted dolphin (*Stenella attenuata*) and common dolphin (*Delphinus capensis*). Sightings occurred in depths between 4 and 781 m. Sighted groups often included all age classes. Environmental education activities included educative workshop with touristic operators in "El Valle" and a cultural and playful activity with Coquí's kids. Touristic activities observed were limited to recreative fishing and did not involve cetacean species. Strandings have not been observed during the whole study period, so the biggest conservation threat seems to be entanglements occurred occasionally on industrial tuna fisheries.



Delphinus capensis.



Stenella attenuate.



Tursiops truncatus.