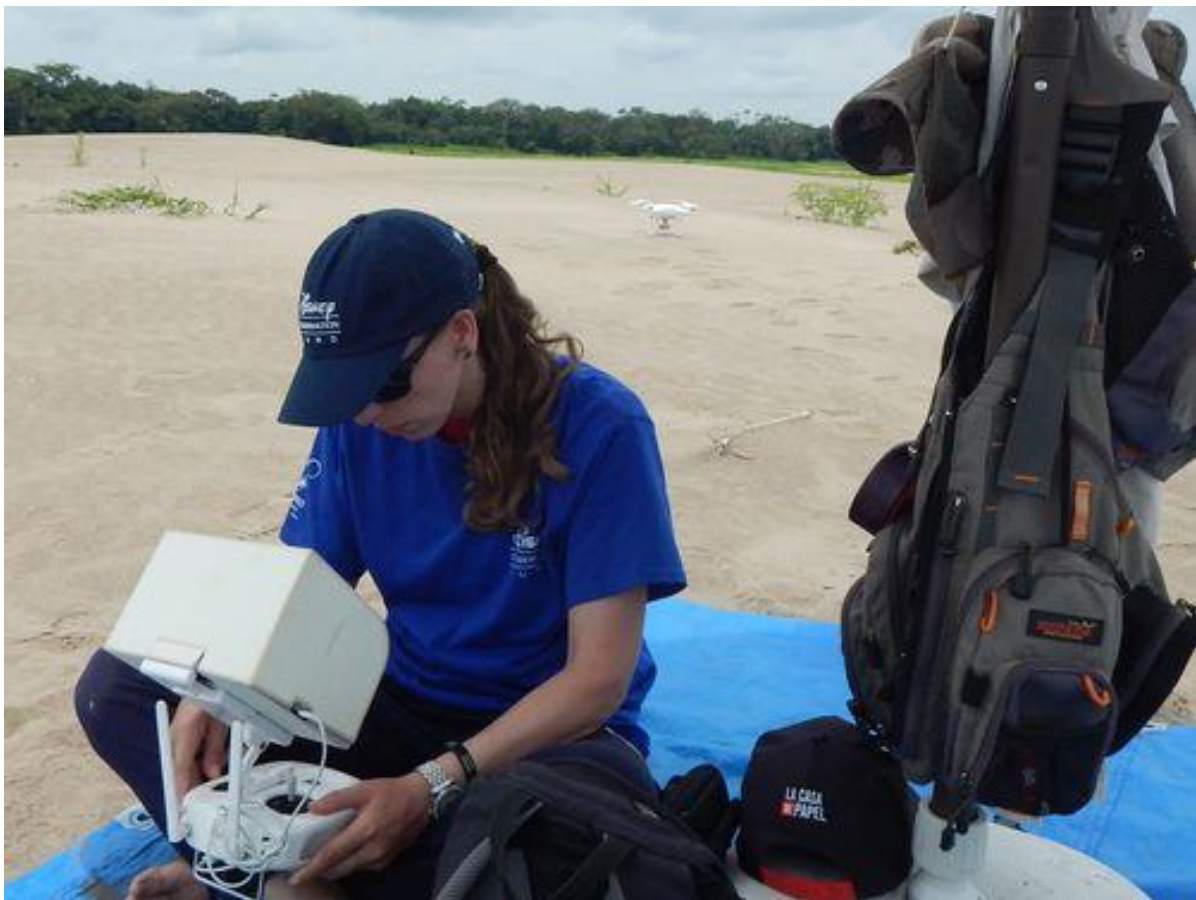


Project Update: December 2018

The period of greatest drought recorded in the year 2018 in the Middle Solimões was from the end of September to the beginning of October, thus, it was the ideal time to take the flight test with the unmanned drone. Many females had already bred. This methodology is new in the counting of trails and nests of females of chelonians and if it works, through the analysis of the mosaics of photos, it will be a complement in the conservation studies of the turtle species, helping not only in the areas that are already being studied, but allowing new areas to be discovered and monitored. To date, 100 nests of *P. sextuberculata*, 43 of *P. unifilis* and 25 *P. expansa* have been monitored.



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