

Project Update: August 2019

For the conservation of whales proper regulations should be created and for that baseline knowledge on the species in the area needs to be provided to local authorities. In our case, this knowledge arises from research using non-invasive techniques that allow us to elucidate different aspects of whale ecology in this area.

Updates of activities

The new whale season started!

Since 1st July 2019 we are settled in Miramar to begin the southern right whales (SRW) fieldwork. This year a new volunteer joined us to learn about SRW. We are using the theodolite bought last year with the support of The Rufford Foundation, and reticular binoculars to record the position, group composition and behavioral of the whales.

During July 2019, 57 whales were sighted. If we compare this number with that of the same month of previous years, July 2019 has had a greater number of whales! These sightings were composed of adult and juvenile animals, mainly solitary or groups of two whales. We are anxious to discover how sightings will be in the coming months; there is still a lot of work to be done.

Sightings of southern right whales in our area of work are published in our Facebook group: "Ballenas en Miramar", so that the people from Miramar city can know where to go to see the whales in real time and share their own sightings as well.



Volunteer recording whales.

The educational programme is underway, a new school has joined the proposal and the students will have a talk from us. Then they'll work together with their teachers in favour of the environment and will also choose a name of a whale from the Miramar catalogue. We will also continue distributing the ecological bags made with the support of The Rufford Foundation last year.

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Southern right whale sighted this season from the research sighting point.