

### **Project Update: July 2023**

I am pleased to inform you that the environmental sampling phase is well advanced and now I will continue working on laboratory processing and data analysis for the remainder of the year. Additionally, I have been actively working on strengthening the surveillance network. I have attached some photos from the latest campaign for your reference.

I am also writing to propose a modification to one of the items in the budget that was previously submitted. Instead of using the funds to purchase a GPS device, I would like to reallocate the budget to purchase a higher quality freezer that is more suitable for my field trips. This freezer, although more expensive than the one originally budgeted, offers greater adaptability as it can be connected to a car or truck, in addition to functioning as a regular freezer. It is important to note that the cost of equipment in Argentina is subject to frequent price increases, which also have impacted the budget. Considering that the institute where I work has received a new GPS device and is now providing it to me for my campaigns, a reallocation of funds would allow me to obtain a more suitable freezer for the project. I kindly request your consideration of this change and look forward to your response.



Performing a necropsy. © R Jacoby.



Monitoring water. © R Jacoby.



Sediments and soils at lab. © P Blanco.



Strengthening the surveillance network. © Kuarahy group.