Project Update: January 2011

<u>Workshop</u>: In November 2010, we organized a workshop for more than 40 artisanal fishermen from La Costa. During the meeting, we presented the project that CeDePesca is carrying on to analyse the bottom trawling impact over the coastal ecosystem. We also explained the regulations that protect the first nautical miles from the bottom trawling fishery. We quoted the Provincial Law 11.477 and decree 3237/95 and the Resolution No. 18/06. Finally, we presented information about the impact that the trawling activities could produce over the coastal ecosystem and some misconceptions about that impact were analysed.

<u>Field Work</u>: We have taken approximately 200 samples corresponding to autumn, winter and spring. We have got fewer samples than we expected due to the bad climatic conditions and some problems between the fishermen and the naval command, which reduced the navigation possibilities of the vessels.



Local artisanal fishermen present in the workshop organized by CeDePesca in the Communal Center of Mar de AjóSM