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Between the two migration seasons, activities under Crossing the Caribbean have been focused on education, conservation planning and dissemination of results. Education activities included the design of a curriculum with migratory birds as a central theme that can be incorporated into standard classroom subjects. The curriculum is nearly ready for implementation and during July 2011 we contacted and visited two schools in strategic areas in the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta (SNSM), which are keen to adopt the curriculum. The first maps for defining pre-montane forest hotspots for migratory birds in the SNSM are also ready and field visits will help improve their accuracy, before presenting them to conservation stakeholders in the region. In terms of dissemination, the project's blog reached a landmark number of hits with 10,000 visits recorded! Further, the first two scientific articles examining how migratory birds use the SNSM have been submitted and are under review.

