

Project Update: June 2007

After the field season in Isla de Chiloe, I was attending the International Whaling Commission (IWC) and I just returned to Santiago de Chile.

We presented three scientific papers on blue whales that were welcomed by the scientific committee (SC) and raised concerns on the status of this population. Additionally, we already develop whale watching guidelines for blue whales that were endorsed by the SC. Now we will start promoting its implementation in Isla de Chiloe and with national authorities.

We are really happy with the results achieved so far and seeing how the activities proposed for the 18 month period under the Innovation Award are progressively coming to its end.

Please find below another update of the Alfaguara Project, that complement the March 2007 Update and all previous reports. Additionally, I am attaching the three papers presented to IWC meeting held in Anchorage, Alaska during May 2007.