

Project Update: August 2009

During July 2009 we still had rainy days and we were not able to find turtle nests due to the water level. We were interviewed again on the Conservation International radio programme, talking about our activities. We reinforced our objectives and shared information with indigenous people during their week meetings (*Asamblea comunal*). We started to capture some animals and we recorded three species of freshwater turtles in the communities: *Podocnemis unifilis*, *Phrynops geoffroanus* and *Mesoclemmys raniceps*. We had our first Peruvian student helping in our activities during his university vacation. Some indigenous children helped us during the field work while at school vacation as well. By the beginning of August 2009, the rain has stopped, the water level has dropped and we started to spot turtles footprints at the beaches. We hope in the next weeks we can find turtle nests.

