

Project Update: February 2014

Between December 2013 and February 2014 we have been buying the equipment necessary for the fish samplings.

In November 2013 I started the procedure to get my scientific fishing permit from the Venezuelan National Fisheries Institute in December. This permit authorises me to collect the fish legally. Also in November, I conducted the first field trip to the Apure River. I visited the communities of Algodonales, El Mamón and Boca Apure and established the sampling stations for the future field trips. For more details of this exploratory journey you can access this link:

<https://sites.google.com/site/losbagresderioapure/home/expediciones-al-apure/primer-expedicion>

In January 2014 I was accepted as a member of the Group of Venezuelan Wetlands. This group prepares a monthly bulletin and organizes symposia about topics related to wetlands and their conservation status in Venezuela. I expect to promote my project through this group in the future.