

## **Project Update: February 2009**

### **Fisherman Workshops**

Two workshops for fishermen were held recently, these were primarily funded by the Rufford Small Grant for Nature Conservation (RSGNC). The workshops focused on the fishing communities in the Sindh province (held at the WWF wetlands Centre) and the Balochistan province (held at Gwadar). The workshops provided an opportunity for a diverse group of fishermen to learn about and discuss issues concerning cetaceans and for us to learn from the fishermen.

The workshops were deemed a great success, opening additional channels of communication between the fishermen and the Cetacean Conservation Pakistan team and increasing the current cetacean stranding network. The feedback and interaction from the fishermen on their experiences and encounters with cetaceans whilst on the sea provided a valuable insight into distribution and abundance, as well as current and potential threats to cetaceans.



Pasni Harbour Fishermen