

## **Project Update: September 2008**

The publicity surrounding the beach based research carried out by the Rufford Small Grant for Nature Conservation (RSGNC) along with the primarily boat based research carried out by the Darwin Initiative project has dramatically raised the general public's interest in cetaceans in Pakistani waters. This increased interest has led to a national group for the general public being organised through the Darwin Initiative project. The national cetacean conservation group was established in January 2007 and is called the Pakistan Whale and Dolphin Society (PWDS). The PWDS will be a source of information and support for the conservation of Pakistan's cetaceans, with the assistance of the Cetacean Conservation Pakistan team who will continue to carry out the surveys of the Pakistani coasts and seas.