

Islas Field Research Protocol

Overview

This research group was started in 2020 and consists of 3 men (who are mainly the boat guides) and 6 women (who do more with data collection). Three of them travel by boat to monitor the islands and each group goes approximately once a week during Jun-October (funding dependent).

They are supported by CONANP. The data collected is used by CONANP to make management decisions. At the five research locations above, they monitor tourism, fishing, bird life, mammals, and anything else of note.

Research Protocol

- Each boat will consist of 4 students + 1 adult + 1 researcher*
- Boats will form two teams (three boats per team).
 - o Group 1: Collect data at:
 - Los Gemelos (two small adjacent islands) - high bird populations
 - Cabeza de Caballo - low bird populations
 - o Group 2: Collect data at:
 - Calavera - high bird populations
 - Tijeretas (part of Coronado) - low bird populations

Data Collection:

- Head to high bird population island.
- BEFORE getting close to the island to start data collection:
 - o Give students five minutes before data collection away from the island to make observations.
 - o Determine jobs (students + adult):
 - Data recorder (1)
 - Gemalitos West & East
 - Bird counter: Pelicans (1)
 - Bird counter: Blue-footed Boobies (1)
 - Bird Counter: Gulls (1)
 - Bird counter: Other species (1)
 - Cabaza de Caballo:
 - Bird counter: Pelicans (1)
 - Bird counter: Blue-footed Boobies (1)
 - Bird counter: Cormorants (1)
 - Bird counter: Other species (1)
 - Calavera:
 - Bird counter: Gulls (1)
 - Bird counter: Blue-footed Boobies (1)
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