



ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT AND INFORMATION COLLECTED IN THIS QUARTER OF THE
YEAR 2020.

To:



- Delivery of infographics of *Sotalia guianensis* and the origin and effects of heavy metals in Lake Maracaibo, in the schools of the islands of the Zulia state where there are conflicts by bycatch and consumption of this species. In each of the schools, educational talks were given on the value of dolphins in their ecosystem.

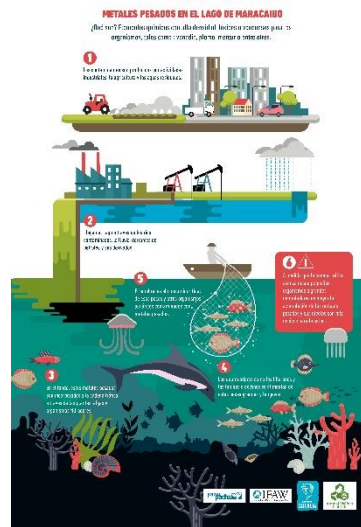
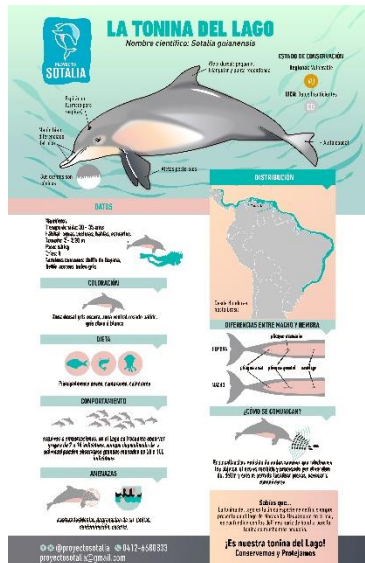




Image 1. Children of Punta de Manglar school. Island in Lake Maracaibo, Zulia state. 2020



Image 2. School Blanca Granadillo, San Carlos island of Lake Maracaibo, Zulia state.2020

- Start of recollection of mangrove propagules (*Rhizophora mangle*), for restoration project in coastal areas affected by anthropic intervention. The professor Francisco Urbina is our local support to supervise and record the activities.



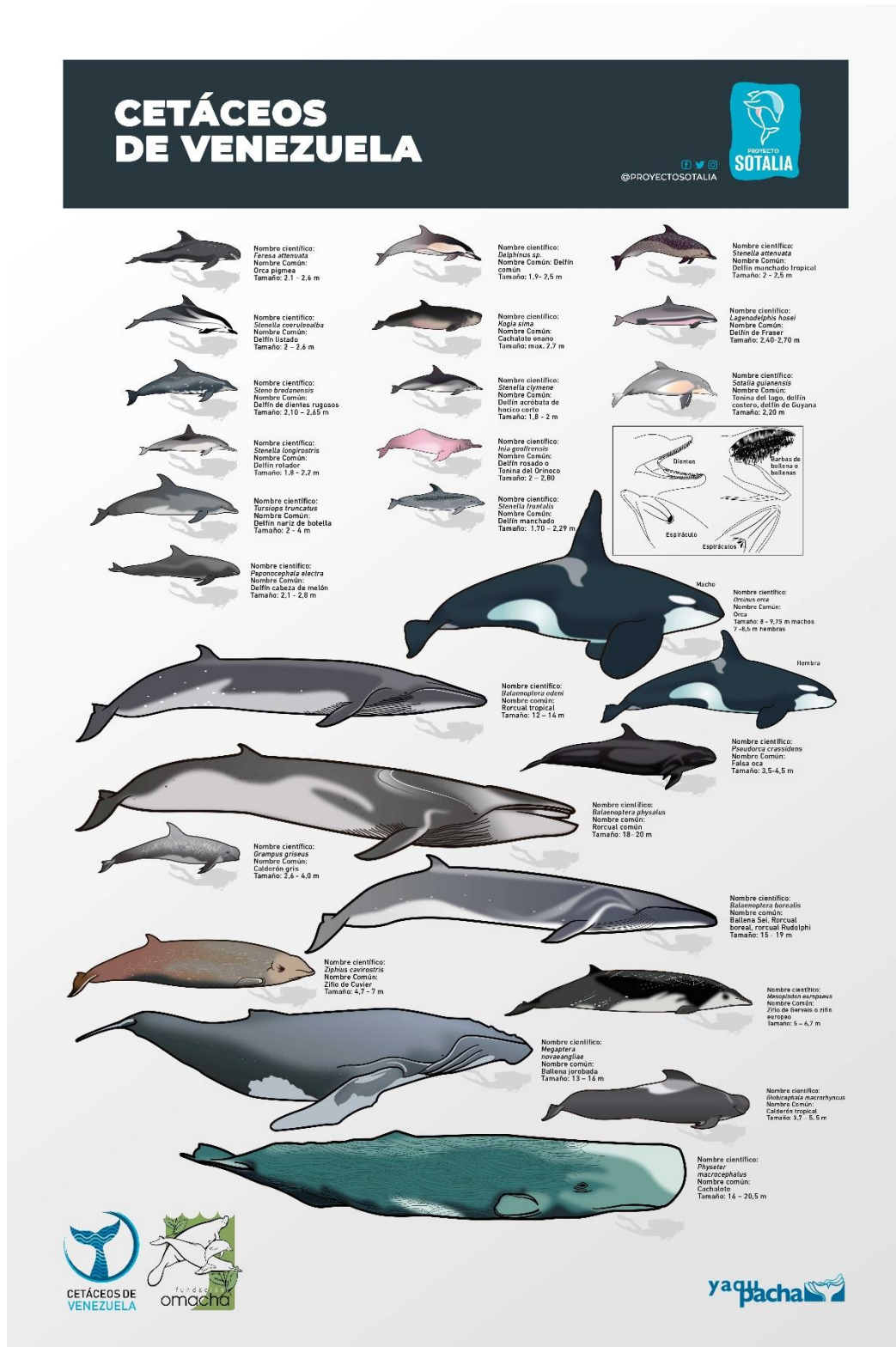
- Activity in partnership with the Center for Shark Research, for the removal of ghost and nylon nets in coral reefs where species such as sharks, rays and cetaceans in general are distributed in our coast.



Removing ghost nets and nylon from coral reefs off the central coast of Venezuela.



- Design of a new poster with the 25 species of cetaceans of Venezuela, which will be delivered to schools and fishing communities, an activity that will be accompanied by an informative talk.



- Work to collect stranding data and observing cetaceans on the coasts and rivers of Venezuela. Activity thanks to which we were able to report a new species this year, *Balaenoptera borealis* for the country and the great Caribbean region.



Identification of skull of cetaceans in island and coastal zone of Venezuela. 2019



Ballena sei, *Balaenoptera borealis*,
report of central coast of
Venezuela.2020

Another result of this work is the constant updating of data on bycatch and hunting of *Sotalia guianensis*, in Lake Maracaibo. All these images were collected in this quarter.

A. *Sotalia guianensis*, stranded with signal of human interaction in north of Lake Maracaibo. 2020



B. Two individuals of *Sotalia guianensis* in which it can be noted that longissimus muscle Two has been removed to be used (shark bait, consumption). Lake Maracaibo. 2020



- C. A juvenil of *Sotalia guianensis* dead in Lake Maracaibo, a part of nylon net it can appreciated in its snout. 2020.

