

05 Mar Apostémosle al océano: Golfo Dulce un Laboratorio Viviente

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Blog por: Jorge De la O, estudiante del curso de liderazgo en conservación El bosque tropical lluvioso de la península de Osa exhala masas de vapor mientras amanece y esta vez no fue la excepción. La condensación del vapor de agua se podía observar sobre las plantas temprano en la mañana cuando nos dirigíamos a Golfo Dulce, un lugar hilarante y espectacular. El mar parece de cristal puro y nos permite observar los secretos del fondo marino conformado por estructuras coralinas que a lo largo de siglos han...

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Blog by: Jorge De la O, student at Leadership Field Course The tropical rainforest of the Osa Peninsula exhales mists of steam as the sun rises and this time was no exception. The condensation of water vapor could be observed on the plants early in the morning when we were heading to Golfo Dulce, a hilarious and spectacular place. The sea seems pure crystal and allows us to observe the secrets of the seabed formed by coral structures that have been built by nature over the centuries. Being...

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31 Oct Connecting Golfo Dulce's Fish Populations

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Blog Post by José Luis Molina Quirós, Alvaro Ugalde Scholarship Awardee Costa Rica has a great diversity of species and marine ecosystems that protect and provide food to hundreds of organisms in various phases of their life cycle. For example, El Golfo de Papagayo and Golfo Dulce are just a few of the many hot spots that harbor this diversity of marine species and ecosystems, but these species have not been completely protected. Currently, our country lacks the basic information necessary to evaluate the population structure of bony fish species, which...

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26 Sep Creating the First Conservation Action Plan for the Golfo Dulce Poison Dart Frog

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Blog Post By Marina Garrido, Restoration & Rewilding Program Assistant As one of the assistants of the Restoration & Rewilding Program, I am happy to announce a new project entitled “Creating the First Conservation Action Plan for the Endemic and Endangered Golfo Dulce Poison Dart Frog using Citizen Science and Tiny-Tech.” Many of you might be wondering, what makes the Golfo Dulce Frog special so as to have its own project?” Well, there are many fascinating qualities of this species. This beautiful little frog, *Phyllobates vittatus*, is endemic...

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07 Aug Golfo Dulce Poison Dart Frogs

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Submitted by Steven Waldron; Seattle, WA Twenty years ago, I backpacked and hiked along the wild beaches and coastal rainforests of the Osa peninsula and became acquainted with some of the fantastic wildlife that the region is well-known for. Near the Sirena station at Corcovado National Park, I became intimate with the loud squawks of Scarlet Macaws sailing overhead, the crash of surprised tapirs bolting through the forest, and the pre-dawn chorus of Howler monkeys. One of the sensory aspects I appreciate most about exploring this region is...

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13 May Conversatorio sobre el Golfo Dulce

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Escrito por: Pilar Berna Publicado por: Florencia Franzini El pasado 23 de abril fui invitada a participar como expositora en el 10mo conversatorio de biodiversidad de la Península de Osa. Iniciativa del Área de Conservación de Osa (ACOSA) para promover el intercambio de conocimientos y dar a conocer la biodiversidad de la zona, a un público sensible e interesado en temas ambientales. Los conversatorios anteriores habían sido en temas terrestres como árboles, primates, murciélagos y aves, siendo este conversatorio el primero en el tema marino. Fue uno de...

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12 Oct Osa Conservation Supports Research in Golfo Dulce: Drawing Conclusions

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By Brooke Bessesen While Jorge and I both loved working on the water, the results of our research brought the greatest rewards. Golfo Dulce is a true bio-gem—one of Costa Rica’s preeminent riches. Several hundred Green sea turtles, critically endangered Hawksbill sea turtles, Olive Ridley sea turtles and (reportedly) Pacific Leatherback sea turtles, rest, feed, mate and nest in the gulf. A rare xanthic colony of pelagic sea snakes resides around the inner basin. Both Northern and Southern Hemisphere Humpback whales enter the inlet to give birth and...

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30 Aug Osa Conservation Supports Research in Golfo Dulce: More Species, More Understanding

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By Brooke Bessesen I'm sure it comes as no surprise that during our 400+ hours of observation in Golfo Dulce, Jorge and I witnessed an astonishing array of marine life. Indeed, we were astounded by the intense biodiversity revealed to us during our research. In addition to the animals I've already blogged about in this series, many more are worth mentioning. Some were officially documented, others were not, but all helped define our emerging portrait of Golfo Dulce. Brown pelicans (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) are commonly seen in Golfo Dulce...

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19 Jun Osa Conservation Supports Research in Golfo Dulce: Different kinds of dolphins

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Brooke Bessesen conducted Marine research at the Osa in 2010 and 2011 as a recipient of the Greg Gund Memorial Fellowship. Check out her Golfo Dulce report on our website. Jorge and I were always thrilled to see dolphins, as they are icons of the sea. Luckily, sightings were relatively common (only sea turtles were seen more frequently) and these graceful cetaceans graced our bow almost every day we were on the water. We observed many dolphin behaviors: foraging and traveling, mating and calf care, spyhopping and playing...

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When we began our research, nobody expected us to find very many sea turtles inside Golfo Dulce – most sea turtle activity was thought to occur on the Pacific side of the Osa Peninsula. It turned out that chelonids were the most frequently seen family of animals, accounting for 38 percent of our total sightings. Discovering such significant numbers of sea turtles was one of our most important findings. Sadly, fishermen with many years of experience in Golfo Dulce say the sea turtles there have declined at least...

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