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PROJECT PROGRES REPORT – TIBURON MARTILLO BARGE REFIT

ISSUING AT: Puerto Ayora, Santa Cruz, Galapagos - Ecuador

1. PROJECT OBJECTIVE

Support the refit and deployment of the “Tiburón Martillo” floating base near the Wolf and Darwin Islands

2. PROJECT BACKGROUND

Any effective management depends heavily on enforcement being consistently and justly applied. Effective enforcement requires a continuous presence of oceanic vessels and patrol planes in the field. This project responds directly to activities which aims to strengthen governance, especially law enforcement, by supporting the deployment of a permanent floating base around the northern islands of the archipelago. While the maritime area surrounding Wolf and Darwin Islands possess some of the world’s most unique biodiversity & is one of the world’s premier diving areas, the area has been identified as the most threatened in the GMR due to continued presence of industrial fishing boats. Up to date statistics show the highest number of fishing violator captures have occurred around these islands, even though the patrolling activities are limited and quite spaced in time due to their isolation. According to dive experts, there has been a considerable reduction in the number of hammerhead sharks shoals that threatens the long term existence of these resources and the touristic activities developed from it. Hammerheads and other shark species around the world are being harvested primarily for their fins and the GMR remains one of the last regions where these creatures can be seen gathered by the hundreds. Hence, it is vital that we establish a local and permanent surveillance and patrolling platform that will deter illegal fishing vessels from entering into these waters.

3. PROJECT PROGRESS TO DATE

a. Operational Aspects

Item	Completed Activities	Achievement S/N & Date	Observaciones
a.	Towing of barge from Puerto Ayora to Guayaquil	Ok. Nov. 20, 2007	None
b.	Arrival to TIMSA	Ok. Nov. 23, 2007	None
c.	Subida a Varadero de ASTINAVE	Ok. Nov. 24, 2007	None
d.	General inspection	Ok. Nov. 24, 2007	None
e.	Hull Inspection	Ok. Nov. 29, 2007	None
f.	Search for Marine Generator	Ok. Nov. 30 – Dic 8/07	No generator was found on the local market. Three generators were found in the US and finally we decided on the “Northern Lights” brand based on cost and requirements.
g.	Generator purchased and in the process of importing	Ok. Dic. 10	None
h.	Completion of Guayaquil refit expected to be completed on December 21. Carpenters will continue to complete interior work and the barge will be towed back to Galápagos before the New Year.	Pending	None
i.	Operating plan will be finalized by the third week of January	Pending	

j.	The TM mooring system will be installed at Wolf & Darwin at the beginning of February	Pending	
k.	Final towing of boat will be completed by the end of February	Pending	

b. Pictures



Fig. No. 1. Tiburon Martillo leaving Galapagos. Nov. 20, 2007



Fig. No. 2. Tiburon Martillo at dry-dock. Dic. 10, 2007



Fig. No. 3. Tiburón Martillo at dry-dock. Dic. 10, 2007



Fig. No. 4. Tiburón Martillo at dry-dock. Dic. 10, 2007



Fig. No. 5. Tiburón Martillo, Generador location. Dic. 10, 2007



Fig. No. 6. Tiburón Martillo, Generador switch. Dic. 10, 2007

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