

**STAR 2006: NOAA Ship *McArthur II*  
Weekly Science Report**

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**Science Summary: 29 September – 4 October 2006**

There is very little science to report this week. On 29 September, the *McArthur II* arrived in Manta, Ecuador for a much needed re-supply. The ship was re-supplied with fuel, fresh fish, fresh fruit, etc. and our scientific crew was re-supplied with malt beverages, more fresh fish, and some ... mountain air and an altitude adjustment. The birders, of course, spent their time ashore looking for birds and several of the mammal observers went whale watching ... the proverbial bus-driver's holiday. I think it is fair to say that everyone had a great time. Several people commented that this may have been the best port call in recent memory.

We have picked up three new passengers on this leg. Yours truly has replaced Lisa Ballance as cruise leader (as if that was possible), Kroger Loor is our new observer from IATTC in Manta, and Danna Shulman is our new visiting scientist from Stanford's Hopkins Marine Lab. Kroger is a native of Ecuador who was born not far from Manta. He has many years of experience as a tuna vessel observer. Recently he spends most of his time in the offices of the Inter-American Tuna Commission in Manta, but he is very enthusiastic to be at sea again. Danna is studying many aspects of squid biology at the Hopkins lab in Monterey, California.

A great debt of gratitude is owed to all the crew and officers who worked so hard during this port call so that we can go out and "do science" again. An extra heap of thanks go to the steward's department for continuing to feed us while in port. Congratulations to LTJG Steven Barry for his recent promotion! Thanks for inviting all the scientists to your wetting down party!

**Sightings and Effort Summary for Marine Mammals**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Start/ Stop Time</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Total nm</b>	<b>Average Beaufort</b>
092806	0600	See last week's report	-	-
	1800			
092906	0600	In port - Manta	-	-
	1800			
093006	0600	In port - Manta	-	-
	1800			
100106	0600	In port - Manta	-	-
	1800			
100206	0600	In port - Manta	-	-
	1800			
100306	0600	In port - Manta	-	-
	1800			
100406	0600	In port - Manta	-	-
	1800			