

Tour guides attend workshops in Puerto López

(Puerto López, Manabí. May 24).- A new training program was conducted for tour guides last May 20 in Puerto López.

Many topics were analyzed during the program and they focused on Security in the ocean, a lecture given by Officer Enrique Gutiérrez from the Ecuadorian Army. José Sánchez gave another lecture under the name *Validación del Perfil del Guía de Turismo Especializado en Mamíferos Marinos* (Validation of Tour Guides Specialized in Marine Mammals), with the technical support of the Technical Secretariat for Professional Training (SETEC).

The attendees' participation was successful since 32 tour guides from Puerto López agreed with Julio Ignacio Pin, guide at Machalilla National Park, who pointed out the positive things about these events because it strengthens their knowledge as tour guides.

Tour guides, specialized in whale watching, are expected to attend other workshops on scheduled dates (May 24 and 25, 2016) again. Such programs are organized along with the Ministry of Environment, district 5 administration and Puerto López autonomous decentralized government. Topics analyzed were: Tips to skipper ships, characteristics of the species, good practices and hospitality.

Workshops took place at Machalilla National Park from 09:00 to 17:00.