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We were with Club Malvín on the swimming crossing

On Sunday, February 16, the Malvín Club organized a swim across to Isla de las Gaviotas.

The aim of this activity was to raise awareness about marine ecosystem issues through fun, recreational, and interactive activities.

We thank the organizers for inviting us to be part of this great activity and congratulate the swimmers.



Beach cleanup with MetLife

For the second consecutive year, our friends at MetLife invited us to participate in a beach cleanup. The chosen location was Arroyo Carrasco Beach.

We enjoyed a day of teamwork and camaraderie alongside a wonderful group of people.





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Hydroponics and biomes next to School No. 224 in El Pinar

On April 28, we began the hydroponics project using recyclable containers with fourth-grade students from School No. 224 in El Pinar.

The first step in this project was to raise awareness about caring for the environment.

At the beginning of May, we returned to begin building the structure needed for hydroponic cultivation. To do this, we used plastic containers, thus avoiding their disposal and subsequent contamination of our environment.

Later, on May 22, we met again and talked about the biomes of Uruguay.



We participated in the second public hearing on the seismic prospecting project in Uruguay

On May 19, we participated in the second public hearing on the three-dimensional underwater seismic survey project in Uruguayan waters (EEZ). This hearing addressed the environmental impact study by Viridien (formerly CGG Services) to conduct seismic surveys over more than 51,000 km².

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Visit to School No. 161 in Garzón

On May 27, we participated in the conference “Oceans and Their Importance” at School No. 161 in Garzón, in the department of Maldonado, together with María Cea from Plastic Fisherman Uruguay and a friend of URUMEPA.



Biofences at Midlands School

On May 28, we visited our friends at Midlands School in Florida again, where sixth-grade students built a biobarrier that will later be installed in the Santa Lucía River.

Biobarriers trap trash floating in waterways so that it can later be removed.



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Sustainable Uruguay Expo at the Antel Arena

URUMEPA participated in the Sustainable Uruguay Expo, which took place at the Antel Arena from June 7 to 10.

At our stand, students from Midlands School (Florida), School No. 224 (El Pinar, Canelones), and Extra Clases (Sophia Foundation) presented their environmental projects.

We also welcomed hundreds of individuals who came to learn about our proposal.



Conference at CHR Group

As part of its environmental awareness activities, we were invited by CHR Group to give a virtual conference entitled “Ocean Pollution: Current Situation and Consequences.” We participated alongside María Cea from Plastic Fisherman Uruguay. The event took place on June 26.

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We accompanied the Plastic Hunter during his visit to Uruguay

Mathias Ferreira, better known as the “Plastic Hunter,” visited Uruguay between June 13 and 28. URUMEPA accompanied him on his environmental walk along our coastline, where he cleaned up, recycled, and gave talks on environmental education.



Workshop: “Marine Conversation and Protected Areas”

On June 29, we participated in the workshop “Marine Conversation and Protected Areas” on progress in marine conservation strategy and the creation of marine protected areas in Rocha. The workshop was organized by the National Directorate of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services of the Ministry of Environment.

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Annual Exhibition of Educational Projects together with Extra Class by the Sophia Foundation

Our friends at Extra Clase invited us to the Annual Educational Projects Exhibition (MAPE). There we were able to see their projects for caring for the environment.

The event took place on July 31 at Santa Bernardita School.



Release of the documentary “Agua invadida” (Invaded Water)

On July 31, we participated in the premiere of the documentary “Agua invadida” (Invaded Water), directed by Carolina Sosa, a National Geographic explorer. The film exposes illegal fishing practices in Uruguay by foreign vessels and domestic operators. The event was held at Movie Punta Carretas.

Andrés Milessi, a friend of URUMEPa and member of the Uruguayan Mar Azul initiative, participated in the film.

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New public hearing on seismic prospecting projects

On August 5, we participated in the public hearing as part of the environmental authorization process prior to the three-dimensional offshore seismic prospecting projects submitted by Searcher Geodata UK Limited and APA Exploration LDC – Uruguay Branch.

These companies intend to carry out their activities in blocks OFF-1, OFF-2, and OFF-4 to OFF-7 in the Exclusive Economic Zone.

The hearing was held at the Cultural Center of the Municipality of Maldonado and via ZOOM.

We participated in the episode “The oil dilemma, exploration, science, and the environment in Uruguay”

On September 9, we participated in the live episode of the VITAMINASEA initiative, “The oil dilemma, exploration, science, and the environment in Uruguay,” in the annex building of the Legislative Palace.

The event sought to promote debate on oil exploration in Uruguay.



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Conference with members of the Rotary Club of Montevideo

On September 16, we participated in the conference “Protection of the oceans and plastic pollution,” aimed at members of the Rotary Club of Montevideo and held at the República de Parma Domus, located in Punta Carretas.





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We visited School No. 269, “Maestro Julio Castro”

On October 3, we visited School No. 269 “Maestro Castro” (Montevideo) and gave a talk to 4th grade students about the importance of the oceans and plastic pollution.

This talk was the prelude to the beach cleanup we carried out on November 21 in Malvín, which was attended by students from the school.



Beach cleanup with CAM CGM

On October 3, we carried out another cleanup of Carrasco Creek beach, this time together with the company CAM CGM. Eighteen people participated in the activity and collected 450 kg of trash. It was a complete success.





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We participated in Heritage Day 2025

On October 4, a new Heritage Day was celebrated, and URUMEPA was present with an open exhibition at the María Tsakos Foundation.

Hundreds of people stopped by to learn about our proposal.



Talk at the community kitchen “Unidos somos más” (“Together we are stronger”)

On October 15, we gave a talk at the community kitchen “Unidos somos más”, located in the neighborhood Cerrito de la Victoria, on the importance of the oceans and plastic pollution.

We were joined by members of Rotaract, the youth movement of the Rotary Club of Montevideo.



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Coastal cleanup day

URUMEPA participated in the coastal cleanup day—beach and underwater—held on November 8 at Playa Mansa (Punta del Este). Joining us were our friends from OCC (Organization for the Conservation of Cetaceans), Plastic Fisherman Uruguay, and NAF (Cold Water Swimmers) from the department of Maldonado.

The event was organized by AUDAS (Uruguayan Association of Alzheimer's and Similar Diseases) and the Ministry of the Environment.



Beach cleanup together with MAPFRE

On November 8, we welcomed employees from MAPFRE Uruguay to Arroyo Carrasco beach, where they carried out a cleanup of the area.

Thirteen people participated in the activity.



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Exhibition: “Transforming Waste into Resources”

Just like last year, we were invited by the Manduca workshop to their exhibition “Transforming waste into resources.”

It took place on November 12 at Atlántico Shopping in Punta del Este.

Congratulations to all the artists for their excellent work.



We visited Woodlands School

On November 13, we visited our friends at Woodlands School and talked about the importance of the oceans and the effects of plastic pollution.

As always, they welcomed us warmly and showed great interest in the topic.





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Tree planting with Rotaract

On November 22, young people from Rotaract, an organization sponsored by the Rotary Club, planted native fruit trees in the wetlands of Playa Pascual (San José).

To do this, we had the collaboration of Tierra de Humedales, a joint initiative between public and private organizations for the development of the Santa Lucia Wetlands protected area.



End-of-year exhibition at School No. 269 “Maestro Julio Castro”

On November 26, we visited the end-of-year exhibition at School No. 269, “Maestro Julio Castro.”

There, we had the opportunity to see works on beaches and coastlines around the world, the flora and fauna of these areas, ports, and environmental pollution.

Thank you very much for inviting us, and congratulations to all the students for their excellent work.



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Annual MEPAS meeting

On December 17, we participated in the annual MEPAS meeting, which takes place in Greece, where the first MEPA, HELMEPA, is located.

URUMEPA participated virtually from its office on Bvar. Artigas Street.

During the meeting, the new MEPA, NIMEPA, located in Nigeria, was welcomed.

Welcome NIMEPA to the family.