



Copa Sitrep # 17
2/8/08 – 2/14/08

Data entry is well underway & all the penguin data has been entered into the computer. The last penguin with a radio transmitter is officially off to sea and the study finished. Field work is winding down & preparations are being made for closing Copa for the season. The weather was consistently unpleasant, but we had one nice day, at least, to make it to Patelnia.

1. Penguins: All Adélie penguin chicks have fledged. Out of 98 gentoo penguin repro nests, 3 are still active with chicks. 83 chicks have creched out of the total 106 chicks hatched this year. Chinstrap penguin chicks are almost fully molted into adult plumage. They are just beginning to fledge and fewer adults have been seen.
2. Skuas: Out of the original 88 nests, 36 are still active with 38 chicks and 7 eggs.
3. PTTs: Five more satellite transmitters (PTTs) were deployed on gentoo penguins with chicks.

Weekly weather- Weather conditions have turned sour again. The wind picked up for most of the week bringing some rain. We had one or two nicer days to make it back from Arctowski and to go to Patelnia. The temperature was high this week averaging about 5° C.

End of Sitrep #17

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