



Copa Sitrep # 18  
2/15/08 – 2/21/08

Copa continues to be heavily into the data entry process. We have entered all penguin and skua data for the year into the computer. In the field, the gentoos have very few chicks still left to crèche, and about half of the chicks are in the molting process. The weather continues to be cool, rainy and windy.

1. Penguins: Two of the 98 gentoo penguin repro study nests are still active with two chicks, & out of the 106 chicks that hatched in the study area this year, 85 have crèched so far. Out of the original 3,046 gentoo nests censused this year, 3,247 chicks were counted in the chick census on 2/21. All chinstrap penguin chicks appear to have molted & have begun to fledge.
2. Skuas: Out of the original 88 nests, 20 are still active with 20 chicks and 2 eggs.
3. PTTs: Four of the five satellite transmitters (PTTs) on gentoo penguins have been recovered, and we are still searching for the last one, which is still active.

Hut Improvements: The ceiling of the bunkroom in the main building is currently being repaired/replaced, due to water damage.

Weekly Weather: The weather continues to be unpleasant. Most of the week consisted of rain/snow, high winds and temperatures averaging about 3° C.

End of Sitrep #18

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