Dispatches from Thursday, 14 February 2008

A few final images that represent our field work down south. These images were taken on the last few days at Cape Shirreff. The first is of three Gentoo Penguins on their way to the Penguin rookery, a mother and pup Antarctic fur seal on the beach and finally a pup giving me a good hard look.

Best,
Dan
A final set of images. The first is a shot of vertebrate from a Humpback Whale that stranded many years ago in one of the bays on Cape Shirreff, followed by a Gentoo Penguin feeding its chick. The next is of a Chinstrap Penguin colony. A startling observation of the AMLR Penguin research is that the Penguin colonies at the Cape have been declining. When I last visited the Cape in 2001, this colony was a lot larger. The final pictured is of the field team at the Cape while I was there. This picture includes our 4 Chilean colleagues as well as the 8 member of the US AMLR field team. Nine of these individuals are still at the Cape, all 4 of our Chilean Colleagues and 5 of the AMLR team. They will remain through the end of February and will be returning home in mid-March.

I hope you enjoyed the updates.

Sincerely,

Dan Costa