



TOPtoTOP

GLOBAL CLIMATE EXPEDITION



Annual Report 2009



Birth of Noé



TOPtoTOP Design Competition



To School by Bike in Australia



School in Nelson, NZ



Suisse Nautic



In the Tent



Collecting Good Examples



UN Sticker



Great Media Coverage



School in Bundaberg



With Crampons & Pick



1000 km across New Zealand



With SGS at 4162 m



Start Sydney to Hobart Race



Rudder Repairs



Solar Cooker – School Project



School in Bali



Clean Up at Port Essington



Annemarie with Pachamama



Second-most Poisonous Snake

This year TOPtoTOP visited four different countries: Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland and Indonesia. We travelled to Ashmore Reef in Western Australia, which meant that we had travelled to all Australian States. On our travels many people we met became enthusiastic about climate change. Thanks to the legendary Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race, TOPtoTOP received world-wide media attention. In fact, media coverage was measured as being second only to that given to the winning yacht. *Pachamama* was the first yacht to sail under the Swiss flag in this world-famous race, and as a result became a major attraction at the national boat show, Suisse Nautik, in Bern in February 2009. Once again, the TOPtoTOP Expedition ship has succeeded in attracting wide publicity, which in turn brings the possibility of marketing solar and wind powered ships closer to reality.

This year we also had highs and lows to circumnavigate: the highlight of the Schwörer's year was certainly the birth of our third child, Noé. Midwife Mo Davis and Beat Erismann were a great help – not only for the birth, but also for clarifying the complications involving Noé's kidneys after his birth.

A low point was the broken rudder. The cause was probably a collision with a big fish in Bass Strait. Gold Coast City Marina supported us during the lengthy repairs, and thanks to the excellent service of Murette Insurance, everything went very smoothly.

On 10 July we moved from the Pacific to the Indian Ocean, and shortly after saw our first crocodile on a walk ashore. Shortly after this, our navigation system failed. As Sabine was very pregnant by this stage, we sailed the last 130 nautical miles in 13 hours, assisted by strong winds and currents.

On our journey of 6000 nautical miles and 2000 cycling kilometres we again managed to experience good climate protection projects. The theme of climate change becomes ever more topical, and in every destination we encountered great interest in our climate change solutions, and also came across some very innovative examples of climate protection.

The number of people who have attended our presentations since the beginning of our expedition has increased to 40 000, and in that time TOPtoTOP has managed to collect an amazing 20 tonnes of waste!

Without the generosity and hospitality of the people we met during our expedition, and without your support, the success of the TOPtoTOP expedition would be impossible. A big thank you to our sponsors **Schweiz** and **UNEP** and our two main sponsors **Victorinox** and **SGS** who managed to supply us with a spare navigation computer in Darwin.

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Another highlight this year is the publication in November 2009 of our first book about the expedition, entitled *The Schwörers*, by Marc Zollinger, Wörtherseh Verlag (Publishers) (ISBN 978-3-03763-008-2).

