



## **Patriarch Kirill says penguins remind him of paradise**

“What a high level of solidarity [among polar expedition members], no spiteful, hostile competition, no weapons, no military activity, no scientific research aimed at exterminating another person. This is an image of the ideal society. And when I saw penguins who come up to you, I recalled that in paradise there were no conflicts between animals and the man either,” the patriarch told Russian journalists at the Brazilian city of San Paulo at the end of his Latin America tour, during which he visited Antarctica.

“This is really some physical image of the ideal society where different people live in peace, where natural environment is protected so strictly like nowhere else on the planet, and where there is full harmony with these wonderful animals, with the penguins that one cannot watch without tender mercy,” the patriarch said.