

## **Project Update: November 2006**

Since being awarded the RSG, JED have been busy starting to implement the year's workplan. One of the first things we did was organise guide training for our local village guides. Most of them have never actually been on a tour themselves, and so we went on a 'study tour' to give them the opportunity to see some experienced guides at work. For three days we did tours and sat and talked with professional guides. The JED guides learned a lot about handling visitors and helping them understand environmental issues in Bali. The guides have also all now completed a basic first aid training course.

We've had some promotional successes, with an article printed on us in The Australian newspaper in September (amongst various local publications), and gaining sponsorship to send a staff member to speak about JED at the annual Ecotourism Australia conference in Townsville this week. JED has also recently been chosen (one of 100 projects in the world) for inclusion in the new responsible tourism program by Responsible Travel and Conservation International.