

Project Update: December 2011

The construction of a basic wet lab at the Ya'axche Golden Stream Field Station facilitated the process of sorting more than 20,000 specimens from the dry season macro-invertebrate samples. Identifications will be verified in the coming months and specimens used to build a reference collection against which future samples can be compared. Ten participants including rangers, a natural resource management student from the University of Belize and members of the Medina Bank village Tz'imín Che' watershed group were taught how to undertake detailed stream physical characterisation during a 2-day workshop held in October 2010. Techniques learned are now being applied by a core survey team, facilitated by other trainees, who are three quarters of the way through the end of wet/beginning of dry season survey.



Left: Participants learning about river characterisation at a field workshop on the Golden Stream. Right: Wet lab at the Golden Stream Field Station. © Chris Tranter.