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The project performed so far seven dive expeditions for the coral reefs with 21 belt transects analysing coral and reef fishes community in two different sites. Some factors such as fishing intensity, number of tourists, benthos quality and site accessibility are being used to correlate abundance and diversity of reef fishes in the tow different areas.

Moreover, the field agents are monitoring the reef area daily in the last 3 months. During monitoring activities they are performing environmental education with tourists and also distributing materials such as caps, t-shirts, banners and flyers (over 1000 people received the material). Once a week the field agents join the tourists on vessels and conduct lectures on the ecology and conservation of coral reefs.



