

Project Update: November 2012

Five training events with the local community to training field agents were performed so far. Fishermen, boaters and students (over 80) were trained regarding the biology and ecology of coral reefs to begin later this year the work of field agents. In parallel, environmental education activities were conducted in the central square of the city with tourists and the community with lectures and distribution of awareness material, it is estimated that approximately 500 people visited the booth were aware about coral reef conservation.

The dives for the project research will start later this year, being held comparison between an area impacted by tourism and another one preserved. In the beginning of November 2012 pilot dives were performed in the area, whereas changes in the community of corals and reef fishes were observed probability due to extensive number of tourists; further investigations will be conducted to prove this hypothesis.

Project page in Facebook with frequent updates:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Projeto-Conserva%C3%A7%C3%A3o-Recifal-PCR/509600809065415>



Left: Empowerment of the community local members in regards to biology and ecology of coral reefs. Right: Environmental education activities in the city square with distribution of awareness material for tourists and local community.