

Project Update: October 2016

The work is making slow progress as it is a participatory project, needs community involvement, support through meetings and consultations before doing the field activities.

The project focused on two villages to build two fisher net repairing sheds and supporting for removing blockage in small canal for easy accessibility for fishers. As per the initial agreement, the fishers are interested to follow good fishing practices which needs to further tune with community meetings after the opening of our sheds. Please find the attached photos that show the progress of construction of fisher net repairing sheds and we also supported partially for cleaning the mud from a canal for easy access of boats for safe landing site for local fishers.

Our awareness programmes are going in schools, with drawing competitions about seagrass, dugong conservation.

I travelled to Hawaii for attending IUCN WCC 2016, delivered two presentations at two different sessions about our projects. I am also preparing for Whitley Award 2016, with narrow deadline in 10 days in order to continue this project to other villages for establishing "community based seagrass protected sites" in future.

Our Marine Education Centre, is now become a favourable field trip for local universities and schools. Yes, we got calls and booking for our one day coastal environmental education programmes regularly. In the initial stage, we had to invite the participants, but now the positive things happening that people like to visit and learn about Palk Bay Conservation from our centre.

See pictures below:



