

Project Update: August 2016

Public School of Canaan integrates outdoor excursion to the curriculum of the students

The project funded by Rufford Foundation has been well received by the community and by the Estate Secretary of Education of Trairi-CE. As a result, new projects involving fieldwork expedition and conservation are being planned for public schools in Trairi. In September, students from all 33



estate and governmental public schools of Trairi will be participating on the "Astrophotography competition", a project created by our co-director prof. Celio Ribeiro, with the aim of engaging students with the school, creating a passion for astronomy, and enriching student's knowledge about our planet. The students were asked to photograph an image of any star (moon, sun, constellation, sunrise, sunset, etc.), either from smartphones or cameras and upload to a website. The awards for best photos are an autographed book from Professor Ulisses Capozzoli, from University of Sao Paulo, and a brand new telescope.

Learning has never been so exciting for the students of Padro Rodolfo school. A large group of enthusiastic students went to explore the diversity of the estuary of Mundau river, onboard of three catamarans. Teachers were able to show the students how the ecosystem of the estuary works. Students were also learning from local fishermen about the variety of fish found in that habitat.

