

Project Update: April 2010

In October 2009, we completed the underwater investigation of the status of the polluted coral reef along the whole western Hepu coast in Guangxi province and made video disks for distribution among 828 fishermen families along the western Hepu coast.

From November 2009 to February 2010, we held 14 seminars to teach more than 730 fishermen and their family members about the necessity and urgency of changing their current unsustainable fishing and pearl-breeding practices which have been doing harm to the ecology of the coral reef system. We also implemented educational awareness about sustainable fishing and pearl-breeding technologies among the targeted communities along the western Hepu coast in Guangxi province.

In March 2010, we began the guidance on the practice of sustainable fishing and pearl-breeding technologies to local fishermen families and the development plan of underwater ecological tourism business along the western Hepu coast in Guangxi province.