

Project Update: November 2010

Empowering local leaders and educators in Ocumare de la Costa and a synergistic teamwork have improved our capacity to get official support for our programme. Regional authorities on Education and Science/Technology have endorsed our "Educational Expeditions" to be incorporated in high school activities for 2010-2011.

Team member Prof. Gerson Macía was called to participate in the "National Council for improving the Teaching of Sciences", to expand the concept of Educational Expeditions at a national level. Team members Auristela Villarroel, Cristina Castillo, Gerson Macía, Jaime Bolaños, Neil Castro and Roberta Crescini were called by Fundacite Aragua to participate in research projects for conservating local mangrove forests and ictioplankton.

We are very happy that our most challenging achievement is that a proposal presented by our team to declare Ocumare as a "pilot basin" for implementation of the National Strategy for Conservation of Biological Diversity was endorsed by the authorities of the Ministry of Environment.



In Educational Expeditions, Professor Lenin Cariel, uses a portable solar panel to teach on the importance of light for the marine food web, using an ecosystem approach. ©Neil Castro

November 2-3, 2010, local leaders and educators participated in the "Workshop to discuss the National Strategy for Conservation of Biological Diversity in Marine Habitats", hosted by the Ministry of Environment. As a direct result, Ocumare de la Costa de Oro was pinpointed as a "pilot basin" for implementation of the Strategy. ©Gerson Macia

