

Project Update: December 2017

We started our project as planned. Today I have a short interview with a regional reporter to talk about our plans. Kelp forests are a huge deal here in Baja. Many people are concerned because of their degradation since there are several artisanal fisheries and ecotourism activities that heavily depend on them.

Our webpage www.blueforest.mx is working well. We have a blog in which we will be summarizing our progress. It is in English and Spanish.

So far we have installed the anchoring system and collected kelp samples to start the reproduction phase. Winter storms are coming and we get huge north swells. We will be required to stop diving for 1 month at least, but before that, we will check all of our artificial structures and collect all the reproductive material required.

We are very excited because things have worked out okay. Hopefully, the reefs will resist the storms with no problem. If that is the case, we will continue with our plans. If not, we will need to reinforce the anchors and then continue as planned.

We are also working with baby kelp, assessing the best attachment techniques that will increase their chance of avoiding dislodgement and soon, we will start with the reproduction process from spores.

