

Project Update: September 2018

This project has as its main mission to implement six led-by-local conservation campaigns at six coastal communities of the Guatemalan Caribbean, nurturing community members with the skills and abilities to plan and execute their own campaigns towards nature (at least six of them, one in each community). This programme has different training workshops which lead to actions that motivate participants to take care of the environment.

September

The first classroom-like conservation center has started and it is almost done. This place is being built by locals of El Quetzalito, a coastal community that is participating in the project planning and implementing different conservation campaigns led by their teachers and children.

Unfortunately, and as previously mentioned in other reports, the rest of the communities did not show any interest on supporting the building of this spaces and we couldn't do the other five. Nevertheless, resources were invested for a better and stronger building in El Quetzalito.

Children are also helping! They are classifying the ecobricks by size and shape, making sure that all of them fit in the walls. It is important to remember that some of the ecobricks that are being used in this classroom were made by them, and that the rest of the bricks were collected in a massive campaign that reached more than 24,000 plastic bottles filled with plastic trash (the equivalent of more than 4 million food wraps, chip bags, and other types of plastic packages).





Classroom-like conservation center is being built using sustainable wood structures.



Parents have been helping building the classroom. In the picture, Felipe placing the ecobricks and securing them to a chicken wire



Once all the walls are filled with ecobricks, they will be covered with a layer of cement that will protect the chicken wire against the salt of the ocean



Spaces between walls will be also filled with more plastic trash before they cover the walls with cement.