

Project Update: May 2007

From the 22nd February to the 22nd April we conducted our Asian Sustainability Leadership Education Training at our site in Northern Thailand. We had representatives attend from a women's organization in Aceh, Indonesia, "Youth for Peace" organization from Cambodia, and from the "Karen Youth Organization" on the Thai/Burmese border. They were an enthusiastic group who learned in the 8-week period various topics on sustainability and conservation including earthen home building, indigenous and rare seed saving, organic farming and natural compost and fertilizer making, and natural medicines and soaps/shampoos. The training gave space for participants to exchange with each other on their own struggles for conservation in their home countries and also extra time for discussing how to use the new conservation strategies they had learned on the training in their home communities. Each group has many ideas for follow-up and local initiatives they intend to start and we are happy to continue to support these projects with them throughout the year.

