

## Project Update: May 2010

During April 2010, formal conversations were held with local stakeholders and authorities to introduce and inform about the project. The Local Communal Government and the Municipality indicated their interest; a proximate formal presentation of the project will be done to the Mayor of Big Corn Island. Nautilus diving school owner, “Chema” Vides, participated during the preliminary surveys done at three different diving sites, Chavo, Canales and Playa. The Playa diving site was chosen as the apprentice site, PADI open water “monitoring” courses will be developed principally at this place. Also, some methodical walks and bike rides around the island, and some random beaches, were done as a “litter and neatness” survey. A mean of 1.3 plastic bottles per m<sup>2</sup> were counted during the beach walks. Garbage is all over and there is a lack of local awareness about the situation.

