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Thanks to the Rufford Grant, the Caribbean Island of Utila has its first Environmental Educational Classroom, called locally the “Wishiwilly Centre”, the name given by the community to the endemic black Iguana. Since inauguration in February 2010 of this adapted and equipped classroom, the staff of the Bay Island Foundation has given 100 presentations. All six schools of Utila benefit from this centre, from pre-kindergarten to the adult school, making a total of 824 students. We teach subjects focusing on the protection and understanding of the environment, covering subjects like ecosystems, flora and fauna of Utila to complex subjects like global warming. In addition to offering educational classes, the centre is a science library, has internet, educational games and nature documentaries are presented. The aim is to plant seeds of knowledge and awareness for a good management of the natural resources and improve the quality of life of the people.

