

Project Update: May 2012

We have recently hosted a fieldtrip for the undergraduate students of the Environmental Science course at the Royal University of Phnom Penh. The main theme of the field trip was how to reconcile development with conservation in coastal communities. The programme included a series of lectures executed in both English and Khmer by personnel from Shallow Waters, Wildlife Conservation Cambodia and Fauna and Flora International; a practice on coral reef identification and underwater survey techniques and a series of questionnaires that explored local knowledge on environmental issues and perception for future development. This weekend has been a great opportunity for Shallow waters it has strengthened our relationship with the university and project partners as well as the community. Considering the feedback from the local villagers and the involvement of the local officials, this fieldtrip has not only helped to develop a stronger rapport with the people of Koh Sdach, but has also laid the foundation for our future community-led coral reef management programme.

For more info, please follow this link: <http://www.shallow-waters.co.uk/blog/blog-2/>