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In Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), educators must be centrally involved in developing the concepts, content, pedagogy, evaluation and research that will support its implementation. In this project, educators from several municipalities in the State of Aragua have attended lectures and organized educational expeditions on the importance of taking care of marine ecosystems for the livelihoods and welfare of our coastal communities. In our outdoor classroom mangrove forests, coral reefs, seagrasses and marine wildlife are used as resources for teachers to teach physics, mathematics, biology, chemistry, environmental conservation and other subjects. With endorsement by educational authorities, 55 teachers and 93 high school students have participated in lectures and educational expeditions. The local high school César Zumeta was selected as a pilot for expanding this programme to the rest of the State of Aragua. In the coming weeks, 60 teachers of natural sciences will be participating in this programme.