

Young people from Star Teen and The Rebels youth group in San Andres developed a role playing game, 'My Island Home', to create awareness among native islanders of the impact of development on their islands. The game forms part of a larger series of activities to encourage the community in taking action through 'Best Management Practices' to protect their island environment.

Who's involved?

Lead organisation: Star Teen and the Rebels

Other organisations: Providence Foundation, ECOASTUR and FINDEPAC

Timeframe: December 2006 - April 2007

Objectives:

- Create a role playing game to raise awareness among native islanders of the value of their island and community "My Island Home"
- Develop the organisational and computer skills of the members of Star Teen and the Rebels

Activities:

- The establishment of the youth group Star Teen and The Rebels to become a legal organization, and providing them with training in project management and leadership;
- Working with the Colombian trade and office institution (SENA) to carry out on-going computer and internet training programmes for computer-illiterate youth of Star Teen and The Rebels and their parents;
- Holding a training program and workshop to provide island youth with the background information on land tenure and economic development on islands as well as on the methodology to develop the role playing activity, My Island Home;
- Inviting local and regional authorities to support the youth in their creation and testing of the role playing activity, My Island Home;
- Facilitating the design and creation of the role playing activity, My Island Home, by the youth and in their testing of the prototype with small business owners and farmers.

Results:

All the game participants enjoyed playing the Role Playing Game. They felt that the local situation is fully reflected in the philosophy, vision and development of the game.

Future activities includes consolidating the organization of Star Teen and the Rebels; strengthening existing projects and developing new project ideas to increase environmental protection and to gain more community members to be actively involved in taking care of the islands.

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<u>Final Report</u> [PDF 482 Kb] <u>Project Proposal</u> [PDF 113 Kb] <u>Workplan</u> [PDF 148 Kb]

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