

## **Project Update: March 2007**

Institute of Oceanography had a meeting with the leaders of the Cam Hai Dong' village for discussing about the Project. They realized that the Project will help local communities (that the villagers of Cam Hai Dong must be partners as they are the stakeholders and the beneficiaries of the project) maintain their present livelihood without the loss of many valuable species in later years. Seagrass restoration will increase biodiversity values and villagers can be expected to take part in restoration activities bringing the community together for planting operations. The project will bring knowledge to the people of the village and build its capacity to conserve natural resources.

Together with the leaders of the village carried out a field work at the seagrass beds at the Cam Hai Dong' village, defined the areas where seagrasses will be replanted and conserved.



Left: Start field work at Cam Hai Dong village. Right: Staff are on board.



Left: Discussing fieldwork. Right: marking seagrass beds.



Left: Seagrass beds at Cam Hai Dong village. Right: The species of seagrasses *Enhalus acoroides*.