

Project Update: October 2012

In September and October 2012, I stayed in Brazil as a visiting scholar conducting several activities that included the dictation of two courses (1 week duration each) for graduate students on “The theory of the commons and its application to small-scale fisheries and marine protected areas”. One of the courses was taught at Universidade Federal Fluminense in Niteroi, Rio (22 students), and the other at Universidade Estadual de Santa Cruz in Ilheus, Bahia (9 students). I conducted exploratory field work in several Reservas extrativistas marinhas (RESEX) to observe and learn about how they are working in practice, including Resex Arraial do Cabo (A. do Cabo, Rio), Resex Cassurubá (Caravelas, Bahia), Resex Corumbau (Bahia), and Resex Canavieiras (Canavieiras, Bahia). I had conversations with key stakeholders in each of this Resex about its performance, main strengths and weaknesses, participated in some important meetings, observed directly the fisheries and other activities taking place inside these reserves and had a sense of its natural and social environment.

