

Season's Greetings and final update for 2015

Thanks to all the amazing people that chose to work with us this year including: Eryn Hooper, Chloe le Poidevin, Chris Darby, Sophie Bone, Sylvia Jagerroos, Emily Gardener, Britt Basel, Touasi Tiwok, Sarah Dwyer, Kim Kenyon, Shine Herfindahl, Richie Rigg, Maija Kujala, Tanya Leary, Sergie, Aran Arrieta, Jan Kubovy, Autumn Foushee, The team with Adventures for Good and of course the local people especially Laurie Nodua and Nelson Nieda, the team in the UK and US and all the others who know who you are. We could not do this without you, you are stars!



Chloe le Poidevin, Eryn Hooper, Emily Gardener, Chris Darby and Sophie Bone

Thanks again to Simon and Rosie for the loan of *Anna Rose* and to Sytze for the loan of *Anam Cara*.

This year saw *Anna Rose* starting the season with a marine conservation project in Northern Vanuatu. Further projects were carried out in Buma in the Solomon Islands where the crew of the *Adventures for Good Yacht Caliph* refurbished a clinic, Dr Ray Pierce's assistant Tanya Leary did further flying fox surveys for an Endangered species project with CEPF and the OceansWatch team supported the women's co-operative to produce virgin cold-pressed, organic coconut oil. A new supply of oil is now available for anyone who wishes to purchase, please email Aran for prices etc on operations@oceanswatch.org



Anna Rose

The clinic on Fenualoa was also refurbished this year by Richie and Shine on the yacht *Kapai* and time was spent evaluating the state of previous projects we have carried out in the villages of the Reef Islands. Hopefully we will be able to share some of all these stories in the next newsletters.

The final two months of the season were spent in North Efate in Vanuatu where we did a Climate Change scoping project for RESCCUE.



Kim Kenyon, Touasi Tiwok, Chris Bone, Britt Basel and Kenneth

OceansWatch has spent its final part of the 2015 season in North Efate, on Vanuatu's main island delivering climate change awareness workshops to 20 communities. Being close to Port Vila a town full of NGO's we thought they would be over climate change workshops but they were enthusiastic to learn and all communities were keen to be involved. They often had a poor understanding of the implications despite still recovering from the latest cyclone in February of this year and now struggling with an El Nino drought. Part of this project that we are delivering for the Secretariat of the Pacific Communities through NZ consultancy OPUS includes baseline surveys of the marine environment that show how the reefs, on which they source much of their protein, are severely degraded.



Britt Basel and Chris Bone laugh at Chris's drawing of a happy sea cucumber

Chris Bone led the project with local support from Touasi Tiwok, with whom we previously consulted when she was working in the environment department. The climate change workshops were designed by Britt Basel and mainly facilitated by Touasi Tiwok, Kim Kenyon and Chris Bone. Sarah Dwyer PhD, led the baseline surveying of the marine environment with the support of Eryn Hooper. Eryn deserves to be crowned team member of the year for volunteering with us for eight months! She is a star and we wish her well in her marine science career, which we hope will include more time with OceansWatch.



Climate Change Workshop



Emily Gardner teaches in a school

Thanks again to all our supporters and funders for the 2015 projects. These include the Rufford Foundation and SPC for work in Vanuatu and CEPF for work in the Solomon Islands.

We are already planning our projects for next year including the possibility of returning to Papua New Guinea for the first time in five years. If you would like to work with us in a yacht team, volunteer with us or donate to support the work we would love to hear from you.

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Sophie Bone and a local band

