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Thank you for your generous financial and moral support to the Toledo Institute for Development and Environment. Your contributions have allowed us to retain the services of the TIDE Team that continue to work diligently to accomplish critical goals in Resource Protection, Monitoring and Research, and Environmental Education and Outreach.



We are thankful that you have not allowed the global crisis to prevent you from taking action. Whether by sharing what you know with family and friends, being an advocate or [making a financial contribution](#), you are making a difference in the effort to preserve protected areas in southern Belize.

In 2009 we continued to lead communities in conservation by:

- Utilizing innovative ways to engage schools and communities through the Fish Fest, Youth Conservation Competition, the Freshwater Football League, essay contests, training for staff, community educators, teachers and children and engaged key individuals as part of the Community Stewards Program;
- Conducting outreach through an integrated plan of social media and print materials;
- Implementing the goals of the Maya Mountain Marine Corridor Conservation Action Strategy ([learn more about MMMC](#));
- Protecting the resources of the Port Honduras Marine Reserve, Payne's Creek National Park and the TIDE Private Protected Lands; and
- Conducting crucial research and monitoring biodiversity from Ridge to Reef, within the Maya Mountain Marine Corridor.



TIDE Ranger talks with fishermen

You are a vital partner in our mission. Planning for 2010 requires TIDE to meet growing challenges to conservation and protected area management and to ensuring that hazards facing Belize as a part of a changing climate are understood and mitigated. We must maintain the momentum and your gift will sustain the essential work of TIDE. Stay in touch with us and see your support in action by regularly visiting our [website](#), [our blogs](#), and through The Rising TIDE! on Facebook and RuthAnneTIDE on Twitter.

Thank you for your tremendous support. Best Wishes in the New Year!



Celia Mahung
Executive Director



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