

“TED University” was sponsored by the Southeast Fisheries Science Center of NOAA Fisheries and held in April, 2010 in Pascagoula, Mississippi. This activity was organized as a part of a regional project with OSPESCA. It is a 2 week training course on the various aspects regarding the use of TEDs such as:

- History of TEDs and how they have evolved over time, including their design, certification process and understanding legal requirements.
- How TEDs work and their different parts.
- Hands on exercise: making and installing TEDs.
- Training on how to carry out onboard TED inspections on shrimp vessels.
- How to create a successful TED program in Central America through regional cooperation and existing intergovernmental organizations that protect sea turtles, such as the IAC.

The objective was to train a team of experts in TED technology in Central America that will work with the government and the industry to improve their national TED programs. The “students” came from the different fisheries offices of Costa Rica, Panama, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Honduras. Among the invited guests was El Salvador’s Fisheries director and the IAC PT Secretary.



Learning to Assemble TEDs



Simulated TED Inspection