

A day on the beach in Rio

As we look out at winter rain, here are some images to cheer you up, back in response to demand. They were taken by core connections during the October 2009 visit to Brazil – when Elizabeth was presenting on sustainable development. Beach enterprise is a good example of social sustainability, where everyone has a clear role.



Wake up to the empty beach...it is early morning, and people are setting up vending points and places for games. Settle in... it soon fills up... through the day a succession of traders arrive, each with a unique niche....ice cream, drinks, bikini tops, sunglasses, towels....



Refreshments arrive ..watermelon



You order a coconut drink and watch as three machete cuts create a hole in a fresh green rugby ball shape, and neatly arrange a flap to contain your straw. Enjoy! Then the birds finish any you leave behind.



Sweet corn is warmed and served to order



Ahhh!

In the evening the recycling work redoubles, every can is collected into large bags.

Coconuts – still full and heavy - are expertly wielded to crush the empty coke cans that are then collected up by teams of recyclers.



The visitors go home...the sun sets and the beach is empty again.

Tomorrow it will all start up again.

Photos by Liz 2009