From a fisherman to Ocean Conservation Warrior

Jianjun, Penghu Taiwan

從漁民轉型為海洋保育戰士將軍，台灣澎湖

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Jianjun - a small Island of Penghu Archipelagos

Penghu archipelagos: ca 141 km²
Jianju island: ca 1.5 km²
**South Penghu Marine National Park (358.43km²):** set up by government in 2014

South Penghu Marine National Park: land area 3.7 km², sea area 354.73 km²
The current brings rich fishes to the South Penghu Marine National Park area.
Fisherman: an excellent job!

- One can earn ca 200,000 NTD (6,500 USD) per month with 120 kg fish harvest a day in Penghu.
- Coach Ye was one of them, he had followed his father’s step to become a fisherman, after 10 year military service.
- His did spearfishing (fish gun) at night. In average he had spent 8 scuba tanks and stayed 8 hours in the ocean daily.
- Spearfishing generally brings more profit than any other fishing skills (e.g. gillnetting) in Penghu.
Octopus attack: a turning point in life

- Coach Ye was once under 30m of water, an octopus climbed up the robe of his fish gun all of a sudden, grabbed his mask and second stage. He could hardly breath. Fortunately he found his second stage to survive.

- And he got “diver disease” because of being under water for long.

- It had happened when the Marine National Park set up in 2013, while many conservation issues were discussed.
Coach Ye started his diving tour company “Island 77” in 2015.

Running a tourism business was never his plan. Huge investment in diving boats and equipment and their maintenances, plus 8 million NTD (260,000USD) running costs per year.

However, being a tour operator he earns much less than he was a fisherman.
The Action of Marine Conservation

- There are around 50 diving/snorkeling operators in Penghu. “Island 77” is the only one who doesn't feed the wild fishes.

- Coach Ye used to carry clients to go spearfishing hunting, but since he devoted himself in marine conservation work he stopped doing it.

I took the photo when joined another operator's tour.
They also clean the gillnets which strangled the coral reefs and clean solid waste whenever they see any under the sea.
Selling the Fish

- In order to make a balance of the business, “Island 77” also sells fish product. Instead of catching fishes his own, he got the fishes from local fishermen using more friendly fishing skill and to benefit the local.
The Conflicts between Fisherman and Marine Conservation

- In 2016, there was an initiative that environmental protectors want to set the area to ban all the fishing activities between corridor of Xijiyu and Dongjiyu.
- The fisherman were against the initiative as it may have impact to their living.
- An interesting fact is, because of the conservation work, the fishermen get more fishes than before in the past 2 years.
Sustainable and Responsible Vision

- Coach Ye hopes that the government will set up an fishing restriction area in south Penghu marine in the near future.
- Just like Palau, there can be taxation towards (diving) tourists, and those money can contribute to eco-conservation work which will also encourage and build capacity to local people to be aware of the marine environment.
Simply from Natural

- It is a big challenge NOT to rent the boat to tourists for hunting fish.
- “I am responsible for my transforming. Feeding fish is wrong from natural perspective because fish is meant to be afraid of people by its nature!”, Said Coach Ye.
Thank You!

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路況原始，土路，亂石階
- 最早紀載之淡蘭道
- 吳沙入蘭之路
- 稜線土地公廟
- 七星堆、水圳、古厝、梯田遺址

▲ 草嶺古道  8.5K
花崗岩石階
- 1868劉明燈北巡之路
- 虎字碑、雄鎮蠻煙碑
- 芒花季

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- 1868劉明燈北巡之路：金字碑
- 1851環保石碑奉憲示禁碑
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- 官道佚失替代
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- 1.5K  花崗岩石階
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