

Short report on Mississippi mission, February 1-2, 2011

Two Delta Alliance representatives were warmly welcomed on February 1 by Mississippi Wing coordinator Robert Twilley. A teleconference with the National Centre for Earth-surface Dynamics (NCED) took place to discuss the organization of the Year of the Delta 2012 and cooperation on a manual for river restoration. Further a visit was paid to the ESGS Wetlands Centre in Lafayette where possible cooperation with DRAGON was discussed related to DRAGON's activities in the Mekong delta.

On February 2 a visit was paid to the Coastal Sustainability Studio (CSS) located on the LSU campus. The CSS approach is to promote collaboration of local and out-of-state multidisciplinary experts to find innovative and sustainable solutions to critical problems associated with coastal protection and restoration in Louisiana. However, the approach and concept of the studio can also be used in other deltas.

The following plans have been defined on the occasion of the Mississippi mission:

- Cooperation with the Coastal Sustainability Studios
- Cooperation with NCED in making a manual for river restoration
- Initiate cooperation with DRAGON
- Linking Delta Alliance with the America's Wetlands Foundation