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MPA Management Effectiveness Workshop



Dr. Pomeroy facilitates meeting

On January 26-27, 2006, the Negril Coral Reef Preservation Society (NCRPS), and the University of West Indies (UWI) Centre for Resource Management and Environmental Studies (CERMES) organized a two day Marine Protected Area Management Effectiveness workshop at the Negril Gardens Resort. This workshop offered training techniques for assessing and evaluating management effectiveness in marine protected areas, specifically, the Negril Marine Park. The guest lecturer for the workshop was Dr. Robert Pomeroy, University of Connecticut Professor and author of the guidebook "How is your MPA doing?" Participants of the workshop included members of Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries Division, Watersports

Association, Social Development Commission (SDC), Montego Bay Marine Park, Marine Police, Caribbean Regional Environmental Programme (CREP), Negril Area Environmental Protection Trust (NEPT) and NCRPS.

As author of the guidebook, Dr. Pomeroy explained how to adapt his book to evaluate current methods of managing and fulfilling the goals of the Negril Marine Park. After instructions on use of the guidebook, Dr. Pomeroy left the workshop's details to be guided by participants allowing them to use sections of the Negril Marine Park Management Plan to evaluate how effectively its management has so far been and therefore how it could change for the better. Discussions of management effectiveness were centered on bio-physical, socio-economic and governance parameters. During the meeting, evaluation plans for these subjects were made for implementation over the next 6 months. Participants seemed to have learned a lot and were excited about proceeding with the evaluation process.



Dr. Pomeroy explains use of the guidebook

Did you Know...

- Atlantic and Caribbean coral reefs account for 7.6% of the world's reefs!
- Over 4,000 species of fish inhabit coral reefs!
- It is illegal to dredge or excavate materials or erect buildings without consent in marine parks!



Participants discuss MPA issues

This Marine Protected Area Management Effectiveness project is funded by a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) Coral Reef Conservation Grant. It is being implemented by the CERMES of the UWI in three areas of the Caribbean; Jamaica, Belize and St. Vincent and the Grenadines until March 2007. The goals of this project are to use training and research to create sustainable and proper practices when managing coastal areas. From these sites, it is hoped that these countries will be able to evaluate their Marine Protected Areas and learn essential lessons from the process.

Round Hill Environmental Day



Deanne Grant gives presentation

On December 8, 2005, the Round Hill Hotel and Villas in Hopewell hosted an Environmental Day. The Negril Coral Reef Preservation Society was invited to attend, talk about the organization as well as set up a booth displaying informative and educational material about environmental resources and the organization. Deanne Grant, EE officer alongside Linval Getten, Head Ranger from NCRPS made the presentation to students, teachers and colleagues. Students who participated showed keen interest in all the environmental presentations. They became interactive suggesting ways to help preserve the environment.

Other environmental groups in attendance for the Environmental Day were the National Water Commission, Lucea Public Health Department, AcVark Fire Safety, Pesticides Control Authority, Eco-Tec, Montego Bay Marine Park, Ec-Lab, Lucea Fire Department and Hi-Tec Chemicals.

4Cs Workshop

From January 10-12, Counterpart Caribbean hosted the Caribbean Coastal Co management and Coral Regeneration (4C's) Sharing Meeting and Evaluation Workshop in Barbados. This meeting was attended by Miss Jean Brown, NCRPS President, Elsa Hemmings, NCRPS administrative manager as well as Mr. Malden Miller, Demonstration Project Manager of the Caribbean Regional Environment Programme, (CREP). This meeting was funded by the European Commission as part of the 4C's Programme under the "Coral Gardens initiative : Poverty alleviation through capacity building in community based fisheries management and coral reef restoration" managed by the Foundation for the Peoples of the South Pacific. The general focus of the meeting was to discuss the status of Counterpart Caribbean's projects and partner organizations throughout the wider Caribbean .

The Junior Ranger Programme and its success worldwide was discussed in a presentation made by Jean Brown at the workshop. She explained the great work the Programme has done to develop young environmental stewards and emphasized how Caribbean Counterpart's support for the Junior Ranger Programme Summer Programme in 2004 laid the foundation for resuscitating the JR Summer Programme. As a result the 2005 Summer Programme was also held even though no substantial funds were realized.

The Fisheries Management Planning Consultation Process was presented by Malden Miller. Mr. Miller has worked closely with NCRPS and other important entities to devise a Fisheries Management Plan to use within the Negril Marine Park. To formulate this plan, meetings with fisherman, Fisheries Division (Ministry of Agriculture) and many other stakeholders involved in Fisheries Management Planning have been held. These meetings were considered necessary to create a useful plan including input from all entities involved. The close collaboration with the Fisheries Division is also assisting that department in the development of the National Fisheries Management Plan for Jamaica

Ms. Brown, Miss Hemmings and Mr. Miller have brought back very useful information from the workshop, which serve to strengthen NCRPS' working relationship with Counterpart Caribbean in many endeavours, including stronger networking with colleagues in the Eastern Caribbean.



Miss Brown talks about JR Programme



Ms. Hemmings with Grenadines Water Taxi Ass. Member after networking talks



Ms. Brown outside CREP

Negril Marine Park Photography

On February 1, Gary Grimm and Katy Flanagan of Mountain Visions visited the Negril Marine Park to have a photo shoot of the area. During their visit Marine Park Rangers guided photographers on sea and land to get a full view of areas within the Negril Marine Park. These photos will be included on the Jamaica Protected Areas Trust (JPAT) website, which includes photographs and information of Protected Areas in Jamaica and the organizations that manage them. Panoramic shots will also be included in the Interactive Virtual Tour Sections where wide shot views of many areas of the Negril Marine Park can be viewed. Stay posted to <http://www.jpat-jm.net/index.html> to view photos of the Negril Marine Park as well as other areas of interest of the Jamaica Protected Areas Trust.

Negril Beach Restoration

The proposal for funding to support the Negril Beach Restoration Plan submitted to the Environmental Foundation of Jamaica (EFJ) has been awarded to the Negril Coral Reef Preservation Society. The Beach Restoration Committee which includes members of NCRPS, Negril Area Environmental Protection Trust (NEPT), Negril Chamber of Commerce (NCC), Jamaica Hotel & Tourist Association (JHTA), Negril Green Island Area Local Planning Authority (NGIALPA), Negril Resort Board and the National Environmental and Planning Authority (NEPA) have worked together for submission of the proposal and continues to meet frequently to discuss plans and processes to expedite this beach restoration project in Negril.

This plan includes obtaining technical and environmental mitigation information to understand the best techniques of administering restoration methods. This information and public awareness is also hoped to promote further collaboration with other international entities to help in this beach restoration project in Negril.

Hot Spots



From February 11-14, Negril experienced a small storm in which Long Bay experienced another episode of beach erosion (photos above). The storm again sent waves crashing along the shoreline, grazing coastline properties. As small scale as well as major storms continue to pose a threat to the beach in Negril it is necessary that provisions to put this Beach Restoration Plan in place be done immediately.

Marine Park Regulations

Under the NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION AUTHORITY ACT, the Marine Park Regulation 5.1., specifically states, a person shall not in a marine park (a) dredge, excavate or carry out any filling operations or deposit any material in the waters thereof, or (b) erect any building or other structure or any public service facility without the written permission of the Authority. If found liable, a person may be convicted before a Resident Magistrate to pay a fine or possibly face imprisonment.

All users of the Negril Marine Park should endeavor to become more aware of the Park, so as to become conscious of the potential threats to the reef and other natural marine resources in general. If you have any questions regarding the NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION AUTHORITY ACT, please call the National Environment & Planning Agency (754-7543), stop by the Negril Marine Park Headquarters or call NCRPS at 957-3735.



For our children's children.....

The Mission of the Negril Coral Reef Preservation Society is to protect and preserve coral reef ecosystems, locally, regionally, and globally, through education, research, training, monitoring, lobbying, and the creation of marine protected areas.

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Join NCRPS and Support the Negril Marine Park!

You can support the Negril Marine Park and help protect the fragile coral reef ecosystem by becoming a member of the Negril Coral Reef Preservation Society.

Members receive newsletters.

I wish to become a member of NCRPS (Membership fees are for a one year period)

- Business Membership, \$1000 JA (Jamaican residents)/\$50 US (Overseas residents)
- Family Membership, \$700 JA (Jamaican residents) /\$35 US (Overseas residents)
- Full Individual Membership \$500 JA (Jamaican residents) /\$15 US (Overseas residents)
- Student Membership, \$50 JA (Jamaican residents) /\$5 US (Overseas residents)



I wish to make a tax deductible donation to NCRPS to benefit the Negril Marine Park

(NCRPS is registered as a non-profit, charitable organization in Jamaica, West Indies)

Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution of \$ _____

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