



**The following is feedback from participants who attended the workshop for monitoring seagrass habitats in the Bowen region (Queensland), held at Wongabeena Guide Hut, Bowen, 17th May 20082008.**

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***I found the Seagrass-Watch training to be....***

- ..informative and exciting*
- ..well presented, educational and informative*
- ..informative and easy to listen to and understand*
- ..very informative and interesting*
- ..very informative, expertly presented*
- ..very interesting and informative*

***What I enjoyed most about the training was....***

- ..the quizzes*
- ..hands on and finding small creatures in the grass samples*
- ..the explanation is presented systematically*
- ..seeing the different species - particularly ones we wouldn't normally see*
- ..the field work*
- ..seeing youth participate - some of them very intently*
- ..seeing different community interests come together for a common purpose*

***It could have been better if....***

- ..paid more attention*
- ..there was more visuals of the grasses to ID them*
- ..some of the sections were a bit shorted - there was too many examples f some things*
- ..nothing comes immediately to mind*

***I did not realize that***

- ..there were so many different types of seagrass*
- ..seagrass was so important to the environment*
- ..you could find out so much about many different things from monitoring the seagrass*
- ..the development can cause the negative impacts to our environment which can be dangerous for the whole life*
- ..seagrass evolved 100 million years ago*
- ..there was so many different kinds of seagrass*

### ***Now I understand that....***

- ..seagrass are important
- ..change is good
- ..monitoring seagrass is very important
- ..Seagrass-Watch has had some valuable contributions to monitoring developers and educating communities
- ..seagrass is important

### ***When I go back to my area, I will***

- ..try to set up seagrass monitoring
- ..enjoy seeing the changes - differences

### ***Other comments***

- ..thank you very much for all of the information and the fun activities!!
- ..was appreciative that the assessment was not done in a way which intimidated any of the participants
- ..think the bonus questions and subsequent prizes were good – it is great to see people rewarded without diminishing the efforts of others
- ..very well presented. The presenters were very helpful and pleasant



**Thank you**