



The following is feedback from participants who attended the workshop for monitoring seagrass habitats in the Kimberley Region (Western Australia), held at the Department of Environment & Conservation - Kimberley District Office, Broome, 15th – 16th October 2011.

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

very good
highly informative
very interesting
fun and a bit easy
good. I [would] like to do some more
interesting to know little bit more about it
interesting
very beneficial
(wet and interesting) very worthwhile
very helpful, detailed for my work
good
a good experience
interesting, informative, robust
interesting, "choice"
excellent

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

easy to follow format and presentation style
get my toes muddy
the field work
the training
the practical part, the actual monitoring
the field work
the field work, very detail
being in a group, learning, having fun and quiz time

monitoring seagrass (in field)
scientific background
the seed finding
going to the field
I like doing the quiz
finding sea animals while we were working
learning about the different types of seagrasses, doing things hands on
the practical demonstrations and PowerPoint presentation
the ranger of this are very good of looking at seagrass area

I it could have been better if.....

every person look after seagrass and animals around the ocean
it was during the week
they showed me how to lift up the sand for finding seeds for seagrass
training go bit longing
we went to different places and see different kinds of seagrass
presentations were in plain English for TO groups
less time in lecture
the Saturday wasn't so long
there was more interaction with participants between activities

I did not realise that.....

[I] did not have much background in marine environments
the value of seagrass to the whole ecosystem
dugongs eat 40kg of seagrass
seagrass produces 10 ltr of O₂ from 1m²
seagrass was important for marine life
it was such an important value ie Oxygen etc
seagrass is good to us
the tide was coming because I was having fun
seagrass and seaweed are two different things
the seagrass was for all animals

Now I understand that.....

we look after most [of] the seagrass around our area
seagrass is in decline at an alarming ratio
seaweed is an algae and how much impact seagrass has on everything, not just for food for dugong and turtle

seagrass is important to ranger work and sea creatures
seagrass training is good for me
it's interesting and fun to monitor seagrass
it's important
importance of the seagrass and threats
you have to be quick in the field
seagrass is more important than most people realise
seagrass is really important
more re diversity "seagrass meadows" in marine enviro

In my area, the types of seagrasses and habitats include:

I assisted in the Roebuck bay area and enjoyed it greatly
the beach - coastal and mangroves
town beach
Th
Reef/Sand
Roebuck Bay (Town beach and Meat works) and Dampier Peninsula
Mudflats, shallow reefs
HO, HU
Ho, Hu, seagrass sanding mix with mu
Dugongs, turtles and fishes
Hu, Ho
look after and monitor it. See it is good

When I go back to my area, I will.....

I like to look after it
monitor seagrass
keep an eye out for the different types of seagrasses
try to look after seagrasses
I will see if there is any seagrass
go out and start monitoring in our country
go an monitoring
be able to monitor the right way
continue seagrass monitoring
follow in steps right in recording seagrass monitoring
monitor seagrass
be more aware of seagrass

continue to work with the volunteer group

Other comments.....

thank you for the opportunity to participate

all good

fantastic

Great!! Interesting!!

I like to do more seagrass training

enjoyed myself. very interesting facts

great Training

ie good day