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, 29th – 30th September 2012.

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

exciting
very informative! I knew next to nothing about seagrass before and now I think I could identify a couple of species (know why seagrass is important and some of their threats)
interesting, effective, and useful for extension to other monitoring projects
very informed
very interesting and informative
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What I enjoyed most about the training was.....

learning the practical skills of how to identify and survey seagrass
interactive, hands on, mini tests to break up theory
people
being out in the field
the opportunity to learn
the pace. Not too fast but not too slow with enough time to repeat/reinforce new knowledge

It could have been better if.....

we had been provided with a hard copy of the proceedings before the class so that we could read through it - saves straining our eyes on the computer!
not really, but you could do some life size quadrat photos
there was more interaction with participants between activities

I did not realise that.....

seagrass was not an algae or seaweed
this was such a large program
seagrass was such an important part of the ocean's ecosystem
Now I understand that.....
seagrasses are an essential part of the marine environmental monitoring methods
more about seagrass
seagrass plays a vital role in the health of our oceans

In my area, the types of seagrasses and habitats include:
H. ovalis
Hu and Ho

When I go back to my area, I will.....
be more knowledgeable
look into any seagrass monitoring opportunities

Other comments.....
well run
really enjoyable format for learning. I felt the practical part was a little rushed, but I
do realise there were time constraints