



**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, 1st – 2nd September 2007.**

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

- ..Very informative and interesting
- ..Informative, interesting and relevant to our ongoing seagrass monitoring project
- ..very didactic, useful for people that know and not knows about seagrasses.
- ..Very informative and good practical element
- ..Very beneficial. It was good to have our methods affirmed and refined, as we have already started monitoring

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

- ..new learning for me
- ..easy to understand, directly relevant and well planned and delivered
- ..the importance of seagrasses and the purposes of the Seagrass-Watch in terms of their knowledge
- ..learning about how the information has impacted on development/shire decisions, etc. Very reassuring to know what we're doing is relevant/timely/useful
- ..lab ID because I'm not confident in identifying different species

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

- ..there were more time to digest the information
- ..not sure
- ..we included some mapping but realise that would involved us asking to do that!

***I did not realize that.....***

- ..Seagrass was so widespread
- ..the Seagrass-Watch program was so big + so involved + important
- ..the ecological significance of seagrass - diversity of it's ecosystem roles
- ..how to ID dugong feeding trails before training or seagrass cover should be specific when <1%.

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

..seagrass is an indicator of ecological health

..how important and influential our seagrass monitoring is + can be for the future our environment

..the purpose of Seagrass-Watch

..I don't need to be so cynical about monitoring programmes!!!

..data submission soon after monitoring is quite important. Didn't realise how much feedback we would get.

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

..participate in monitoring

***Other comments.....***

..workshops of this kind make people more conscious of what is happening in their environment