



**The following is feedback from participants who attended the workshop for monitoring seagrass habitats in Cape York Peninsula (QLD), held at River of Gold Motel Function Room, Cooktown, 26th – 27th March 2009.**

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

- ..Very worthwhile
- ..very interesting
- ..fun and interesting
- ..very challenging and exciting in the field work
- ..comprehensive and fun
- ..a lot more involved than I expected. Information was very indepth
- ..very well organised and didn't baffle us with info that we didn't need to know

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

- ..the ID of seagrass
- ..the informative session was great and a great tool for field session
- ..field day
- ..the field work (outdoors)
- ..plant id and monitoring process
- ..definitely the day out at Archer point
- ..understanding seagrass better

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

- ..a few more extra days (more time)
- ..the class activity was not as long or late
- ..it was longer (field day)
- ..the last part of the seagrass monitoring program was simplified/streamlined

***I did not realize that***

- ..there were so many species of seagrass worldwide
- ..there was so many types of seagrass
- ..what sort of seagrass out there in water on our land
- ..it was a global effort with such a structured approach and solid QAQC
- ..there were so many types of seagrass
- ..it was so easy to do and identify the different species

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

- ..seagrass is more important than I thought, not only for food and shelter, but also for erosion control of beaches
- ..the seagrass habitat is very important to all marine life and beaches
- ..seagrass can tell us a lot
- ..how to care for my country and teach others about it
- ..the data is reliable
- ..seagrass is important not only to turtles and dugong and that it is spread all over the world
- ..making % decisions is easier when discussed with others

### ***In my area the types of seagrasses and habitats include***

- ..coast and estuaries - HO, HU, CR, TH
- ..HUN, TH, CR, HO
- ..HUN, HO, CR
- ..Ho, SI and CR
- ..I saw 3 types of seagrass at Archer Point: *Halophila ovalis*, *Halodule uninervis* and *Cymodocea rotundata*

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

- ..be able to inform the local council why we as Traditional Owners believe they should not build a port at Archer Point
- ..look more closely at different grasses
- ..think more carefully about what I do there
- ..hopefully participate in on going seagrass-watch monitoring

### ***Other comments***

- ..great 2 days
- ..well done. I learnt a lot
- ..very good course, well presented and very indepth



**Thank you**