The following is feedback from participants who attended the workshop for monitoring seagrass habitats on the Gold Coast (QLD), held at Gecko House, Currumbin, 25th November 2007.

(no text has been edited by Seagrass-Watch HQ)

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

..informative and educational
..interesting, indepth, covering different, helpful to the monitoring part
..very interesting and informative, with a very clear presentation of species identification procedures
..excellent, comprehensive, well organised, clear and informative

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

..the indepth knowledge received on seagrass
..to learn extra bits of knowledge I didn't know. Such as some figures eg Dugongs eat 40 kg per day etc
..the small group atmosphere and the friendly people
..the fieldwork as well as the assessments which kept me on my toes and helped to absorb all the info
..ample opportunity to ask questions
..all the information
..the field component and the people I met
..learning about the wider applications of the data, and the importance of compliance with HQ standards.

It could have been better if....

..it was condensed to a half day (4 hour) program
..we could spend a week with Len and Rudi
..I don't know that it needs anything else!
..started on time
..we had a copy of the slides with notes
..we'd had more time. Discussions and questions were great but ___ we ran overtime but they should not be curtailed
I did not realize that

..we had so many (7) species and that there are a good number of dugong (900-1000)
..there was so much information to cover. How extensive it is. How much material is available and the resources
..so much work is being done to study and monitor seagrasses throughout QLD and Australia
..(there was so much to learn) That I could contact HQ anytime
..seagrasses could be so varied and interesting
..there was so much to learn
..we would be tested!
..H. minor existed; epibionts = animals growing/attached to seagrass; turtles can eat up to 60kg of seagrass/day.

Now I understand that....

..the seagrass conservation is occurring in QLD and other parts of the world. Keep up the good work
..the role of Seagrass-Watch HQ and where the other stake holders fit (eg QPWS, EPA). That it is important and informative for many people in the community.
..I can contribute to seagrass monitoring in my area
..we must be diligent to educate, save and conserve
..these areas need more protection and monitoring
..it can be very useful to monitor the health of the ecosystems
..seagrasses grow in deep water as well as intertidally
..data compliance is very important. We need to be more specific about comments on other organisms. Measuring the start and end times are important

When I go back to my area, I will

..help out Seagrass-Watch if i can
..inform everyone how valuable it is to conserve seagrass in C'bin creek and Tallebugera creek
..continue to monitor with the few changes that we have learnt to make through the workshop
..organise more training
..try to establish Seagrass-Watch sites
..certainly do the best I can to save nature
Other comments

..Great information and training kit. Well Done!

..I am pleased to find out how well set up the whole system /monitoring techniques/scientific support etc is. There seems to be flexibility and open communication.

..Thanks so much to Len/Rudi/Paul/Keira. We'll be organising more field days.

..Thanks! Really enjoyed the workshop!

..Great training day

..It would be great to someone from Seagrass-Watch as a guest speaker at Gecko general meeting and at my work.

Thank you