The following is feedback from participants who attended the Seagrass-Watch workshop in the Torres Strait Region (Qld, Australia), held on Mer Island, 14th – 15th September 2009.
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I found the Seagrass-Watch training to be.....
very interesting, new knowledge for myself and for my children and grandchildren
very interesting, and really informative, Jane and Karen were really helpful
really educational
very interesting, open my mind about how many species there are and to look after it
very good and something new to learn about. Choice I enjoyed my day
very interesting to be part of seagrass-watch
very good and interesting
very interesting finding out how seagrass is so important to biodiversity of the sea
for the community
interesting, something to know about the different species of seagrass
very interesting, and the importance of protecting it for turtle, dugongs, to have feed
exciting and a new experience for me to learn

What I enjoyed most about the training was.....
new and interesting and very valuable information
everything, it really opened my mind, plus it was exciting to learn something new. It was great
the practical work, going out to the site and doing hands on work
going out on the reef (meadows), have a look at first hand
the food and drinks was very nice and something new in life to learn about
the knowledge we learnt today about seagrass from you
learning different things about seagrass
learning about the different seagrass, and that seagrass is different to algae
the walk on the seagrass measuring and writing down information
measuring seagrass and name them
going out into the field and monitor the seagrass
the food was great, it was fun
I've learnt new things, things I did not know, especially the importance of protecting it.
Jane explained everything and made sure we understood the theory side and the outdoor activity was enjoyable as well.

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

more people get involved in learning how to monitor and value the seagrass
it went for more than just 2 days, I would've like to do more monitoring out on the field
longer course, interesting found miniature crayfish and fish in the
the bus (taxi) waited another 5mins or something so I didn't have to run up the hill on the 1st day
more youths are involved in the seagrass watch training
we had more field events
there be more workshop
we would extend the days
there more people involve in that programme
everyone would do the write things, and not destroy the seagrass site
we had some more time to do different site like an extra day or two

**I did not realise that.....**

that there was so many different names and plants and flowers involved in the sea on the reef in the site
seagrass was so important to the marine life. How so many animals depended on it
we had the most species of seagrass in the Torres Strait region
so many miniature animals live in a small area
the seagrass-watch will lead me to a better job in life or something
we had the most species in Torres Strait
seagrass are important to our reefs
seagrass was important to the environment
seagrass contribute a lot to society today
seagrass have plenty names
seagrass played a part in our ecosystem
we can protect our seagrass meadow
how important it was to protect the seagrass beds
seagrass played an important economical part not only hear in the straits but globally as well and it importance
Now I understand that.....

everthing on land and in the water was made for a reason to help each other
we must try to look after our environment - not only on land but also our marine environment
seagrass plays an important part in the marine environment
we have to look after our ecosystem
there are living fish/crab (ex) living among the seagrass also food to turtle and dugongs
we should protect our seagrass because if there's none left how we gonna get turtle for eat. We should think about the future
seagrass-watch is important to ourselves, children and to the community
the seagrass is important to the inviriment and the little creatures and also are apart of the dugong and turtle food chain
the study of seagrass must continue to predict changes in and on land for better
the seagrass is dying and we have to look after our eckosys
what seagrass is and the different species  and I learnt how to monitor them
the seagrass-watch programme is best for my people
we must do the write thing to protect seagrass, not only to protect it , but also that the fish, turtles, dugongs will have planty to eat
seagrass monitoring plays an important roll in our sea country and to the marine life hear in the Torres Straits

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

alot of strap like and leaves oval to oblong
alot of thalassia hemprichii and some cymodocea rotundata, plus sponges and hermit crabs
Th, Cr, Cs, Ho. Reef Habiatls
small fish, crayfish, shells
Th, Cr, Cs, Ho
Th,Cr, Ho, Cs
Leaves strap like, oblong and oval shapes seagrass
Ho, Si, Th, Ea
Th, C, Cs, Ho
fish and shells
cymodocea rotundata and Thalassia hemprichii
i didn't understand the?
When I go back to my area, I will.....

be monitoring the seagrass around my area it is very important to have our seagrass beds
have to check for some changes
help monitor the site and tell everyone what I learnt from this course
look after the feeding grounds of turtle and dugong
try and get are better understanding of my island home
help monitoring
keep a close watch on the seagrass
learn more and also help out with seagrass officers
do what I learn
Teach others about seagrass
continue to research and do studies on it, to make sure that it is protected for life

Other comments.....

maybe if you could have charts of the different species of seagrass and algal for people or students even to identify the species before going out on the reef
your presentation was excellent. It was clear most of the time and enjoyed my time during the sessions
it was interesting
thank you very much Dr. Jane
it was very interesting
in my thoughts I think we should keep moving with this program it benefits us as we live on an island surrounded by water so it would be good to predict a change before it occurs
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i am so blessed to be ere, and only hope that this will continue in the islands of the Torres Strait. So together we can make this place a better place