



The following is feedback from participants who attended the Level 2 workshop for monitoring seagrass habitats in Singapore, held at the Botany Centre, Singapore Botanic Gardens, Singapore, 1st & 3rd May 2009

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

- ..really useful. It gave a global perspective of why seagrasses are important, programs running globally and how we fit in*
- ..an extremely good and useful refresher on the basic techniques and data issues*
- ..interesting and very useful*
- ..very informative and enlightening. It reinforces the stuff I knew and added much more*
- ..very interesting and informative*
- ..quite useful eg inform seagrass species, ecology, protocol of monitoring*
- ..enriching*
- ..better if have more such training in Singapore*

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

- ..the practical way of teaching - field trips and GPS treasure hunt*
- ..learning more information relative to our own shores, more about the taxonomy of seagrass which we cannot observe on field data*
- ..outdoor training of the GPS and tests*
- ..GPS and seagrass identification part*
- ..the hands on experience and the data entry exercises. Inform us of the type of errors in the data feeling*
- ..identifying specimens*
- ..the treasure hunt with the GPS*
- ..seagrass id and interesting facts. GPS*
- ..the practical sessions (fun!)*
- ..doing seagrass press*
- ..understand the different or how to tell the different between each seagrass*

It could have been better if...

- ..the duration was shorter
- ..it's less intense so that we have more energy
- ..there were more photo compilation and photo illustration
- ..proceedings matched presentations closer. Training was shorter
- ..there were more hands on sessions
- ..more practical session

I did not realize that

- ..monitoring seagrass was so important until I attended this workshop
- ..the id was lots easier with more understanding of the taxonomy
- ..seagrasses have "oxygen pump" - cool
- ..data compilation was so tedious and tough. Thus proper data collection is required
- ..% epi cover is only epiphytes and not epi fauna
- ..seagrasses were so diverse and that Singapore has many (12) seagrass species
- ..how a site was set up before that and how to use GPS
- ..the importance of seagrass that affect the sea

Now I understand that...

- ..data collection is really important. Simple ignorance/carelessness can make a big impact on the data
- ..team seagrass has made a difference!!
- ..the rationale behind all the many parameters and measurements we have to take for seagrass monitoring
- ..Seagrass-Watch is very important worldwide in monitoring marine ecosystem. The different classification of seagrasses
- ..the proper method of seagrass monitoring, and the reasons behind seagrass monitoring
- ..seagrass surveys are useful
- ..there is still more to do for our seagrasses given their vulnerability to factors like damage
- ..Ria and co have done lots of things to make our lives easier and the numerous potential dangers that our seagrasses are exposed to

In my area the types of seagrasses and habitats include

- ..12 types of seagrasses. Different habitats : coastal reef, sand bars, coral rubble etc
- ..estuary intertidal
- ..Ho, Ea, Cr, Cs, etc
- ..Ea, Ho, Hs, Hu, Cs, Cr, Sí, Th, H.becarri, H. decipiens. Meadows , patches
- ..part of the marine ecosystem and they are very important to the whole marine ecosystem thus we must preserve them
- .. coastal, lagoon and sandy

When I go back to my area, I will

- ..alot more responsible and careful
- ..take a closer look at specific species taxonomy learnt in this course and also the surrounding habitat
- ..look closely and be more apt at 'ID' ing them
- ..continue to use my best endeavour to ensure the data is correctly monitored
- ..ensure proper data entry and to in the data on time
- ..try to raise awareness about seagrasses
- ..be more meticulous in collecting and recording data and raise awareness about the situation our seagrasses are in
- ..share the information to friends so we all can help save them

Other comments

- ..it was a great workshop
- ..very well organised workshop
- ..Thanks so much to Len and Rudi for sharing with me all the knowledge.
- ..Great



Thank you