



**The following is a selection of feedback from participants who attended the Torres Strait Seagrass-Watch training workshop, March 04 2009.**

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

- ..very informative
- ..very informative. Maybe too much information for new people. Trying to learn the methods
- ..Good.
- ..very informational and eye opening to how seagrass is very important to the oceans health..
- ..useful and great awareness for communities
- ..very useful
- ..very educational
- ..long training, but interesting
- ..interesting. I learnt many things about the seagrass, and why it is important to us
- ..insightful and relevant and informative
- ..very informative except I found that too much was put into one day

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

- ..the practical activities along with the exams because they worked our brains
- ..the practical activities
- ..how you read a quadrat
- ..powerpoint presentations
- ..learning about the different types of seagrass in the torres strait and the GPS game
- ..the GPS game when my group break the code which was dugong and also identifying other seagrass
- ..the activities we were involved in
- ..interesting facts
- ..the information that was provided to us and wonderful lunch
- ..listening to Jane's presentation
- ..the practical activities
- ..the GPS navigation where we had to find tags and also learning heaps about the seagrass
- ..food, leaning about how it impacts the Torres strait

- ..the practical
- ..getting to know seagrass monitoring properly
- ..methodology and how to collect data from the field
- ..the quizzes

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

- ..it was split into a 2 day workshop instead of having 1 full day.
- ..spread over 2 days, too much information for one day
- ..there was more group involvement
- ..it was over 2 days
- ..we did more hands on activities instead of sitting all day
- ..there were more activities
- ..I have done more training when I had the opportunity to
- ..little less jargon
- ..we done the practical work first
- ..we practise on the seagrass sites. More workshop. More people involved
- ..more people involved
- ..we did more activities including seagrass monitoring with real seagrass
- ..we had more GPS points to find
- ..it was more community involvement
- ..go out there and do it
- ..it was a little shorter
- ..Jane coming out to Mer and teaching my community and Mer campus

***I did not realize that***

- ..there was so many species of seagrass
- ..I learn a lot about seagrass.
- ..seagrass was so important to the world
- ..Seagrass-Watch was on such a large scale - world wide. There were so many species of seagrass in the Torres Strait
- ..English is my second language. Some words I couldn't understand
- ..I could learn more about the importance of seagrass
- ..Seagrass helps sustain wash ways. Different species
- ..The Torres Strait had 13 types of seagrass and seagrass is not a sea weed
- ..This will be a fun and grateful workshop. I thought we were only monitoring seagrasses
- ..Epizoa was not recorded in the Epi section of SQ-Watch datasheet
- ..Now much damage is being done caused by human globally
- ..There would be so much theory

- ..Seagrass-watch would be this fun. And I didn't realise that seagrass is not a seaweed
- ..Seagrass-watch information gathered is used a lot
- ..Seagrass grows better in the monsoon period because of nutrients. 14 species in TI
- ..There was that many (impo) on seagrass monitoring today

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

- ..So many other places in the world do Seagrass-Watch
- seagrass monitoring is pretty important
- dugong come in close to the islands because of seagrass
- ..what we do for seagrass-watch is helping people get an understanding of seagrass in the Torres strait
- ..seagrass is important to the world and it is also fun to study seagrass
- ..seagrass plays a vital part in all communities
- ..there is a chance to save and manage seagrass
- ..more about seagrass I can now do more training and hope to learn more about seagrass next time
- ..seagrass is fantastic
- ..we play a role in looking after seagrass
- ..seagrass-watch is important in the Torres Strait and that we can learn that seagrass helps other living organism in the sea for food and shelter
- ..seagrass plays a great part in the sea as well as for the land
- it is very important to monitor every 3 months to have a good visual picture of the overall monitoring charts
- ..how to use a quadrat
- ..it is vital to continue to monitor seagrass and expand monitoring areas
- ..seagrass is significant
- ..we really do need seagrass for our world to function properly
- ..I can go back home and tell my people about the seagrass
- ..We need to take proper care of seagrass and water

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

- ..Th, Cr, Cs, Hu, Ho, Si and Hs species of seagrass
- ..Over sand
- ..Th, Cs, Hu, Zc, Ea, Si and Ho
- ..13 of the 14 found in Qld
- ..intertidal coastline. 13 types of seagrass
- ..Ea and Th
- ..Reef flat, Ho, Hu and Si
- ..Coastal and intertidal

..No idea

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

- ..organise time for Seagrass-Watch visit
- ..start monitoring on the seagrass areas around Mabuiag Is
- ..observe
- ..appreciate the importance of seagrass. Tell people about the importance
- ..promote seagrass-watch
- ..continue to monitor seagrasses and promote it in my area
- ..care more for seagrass
- ..inform the community, to get more involved in seagrass-watch
- ..appreciate the ecosystem. Tell people about it



***Thank you***