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 did 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
Epizoal was not recorded in the Epi section of SG-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
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