



The following is feedback from participants who attended the workshop for monitoring seagrass habitats Airlie Beach, Whitsunday (QLD), held at QPWS Whitsunday Information Centre, 14th July 2007.

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

- ..really interesting. It's amazing how much life you can find within a quadrat.
- ..informative and educational.
- ..really informative as I had attended monitoring previously but had not done the workshop.
- ..well planned, presented and informative.
- ..well presented. Helped to make the work we/I do more important - that data is valued and used. Informative.
- ..interesting but would prefer less information of a general nature and more of a local need to know for helpfulness nature

What I enjoyed most about the training was...

- ..quick quizzes helped me assess what I'd learnt
- ..being in the open and working as a team
- ..powerpoint presentation
- ..the field exercise
- ..learning about seagrass
- ..making the herbarium
- ..learning about the GPS and making the herbarium. Interesting to learn Seagrass-Watch is practised in other countries

It could have been better if...

- ..I didn't sink all the time!
- ..it was a bit slower. Personal quiz sheet at the end.
- ..the room was warmer.
- ..it wasn't as cold.
- ..we'd had a bit more background before looking at the samples

I did not realize that....

- .. there were so many types of seagrass
- there is so much life out there!
- algae was a plant.
- dugongs were so threatened
- Seagrass had fruit
- anything about herbarium

Now I understand that....

- ..they are good barometer of environmental change
- ..seagrass plays a very vital part of our environment.
- ..the distribution of Seagrasses overlaps in Whitsunday area
- ..I need more volunteers to enable all the sites to be done as often as required
- ..seagrass was so important
- ..the state of the seagrass can have an effect on the Great Barrier Reef
- ..how the data is collected is combined, graphed and used

In my area the types of seagrasses and habitats include....

- ..*Zostera capricorni*, *Halodule uninervis* and *Halophila ovalis*
- ..*Zostera capricorni*, crabs and seagrass
- ..*Zostera capricorni*, *Halophila ovalis*

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

- ..feel more confident of being able to give accurate data
- ..observe if seagrass has increased
- ..continue monitoring
- ..practise using the GPS
- ..feel more an expert in gathering the data and check that the seagrass is what I think it to be, instead of always assuming.

Other comments....

- ..GPS was helpful. Good team work
- ..really informative presentation. Thanks!
- ..the Food was excellent!



Thank you