



The following is feedback from participants who attended the workshop for monitoring seagrass habitats on Moreton Bay (QLD), held at Capalaba Baseball Club, 24th November 2007.

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

- ..beneficial and informative in classification and preservation
- ..really helpful and full of info and practical
- ..very informative. I have been monitoring for 2 years and found that I learnt alot
- ..useful for my study

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

- ..refreshing field skills
- ..being out
- ..clearing up methods, meeting other seagrass people
- ..the questions at the end were good and kept us awake
- ..understanding why we took the measurements we did
- ..information about seagrass sp identification and how to monitor seagrass in the field

It could have been better if....

- ..Beer included!!
- ..all good
- ..I didn't have to vote. No real complaints
- ..The workshop site and lunch were far from wellington Point
- ..more information that was in the powerpoint presentation was in the booklet for later reference
- ..had more time to practise

I did not realize that....

- ..so many countries were involved
- ..I should have taken paper to make notes
- ..photos were so important, epiphyte should be classed as % not low/med/high
- ..there were going to be tests!
- ..seagrasses are important and may change with environment

Now I understand that....

- ..Seagrass can survive up to 40 deg. cel.
- ..the program is not only in Aust., it's an extensive program and our contribution might have a positive and significant impact when making decisions/solving problems
- ..methodology and training needs to be refined in Noosa
- ..need to monitor and protect seagrass not only for marine animals but also as an environmental indicator.

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

- ..Estuarine/Costal - *Zostera capricorni* and *Halophila ovalis*
- ..Mudflats, Rivers and estuaries, Reef
- ..deep mud, no exposure, *Zostera* and *ovalis*, river habitat
- ..Tidal flats - quite muddy - *zostera* seagrass, plenty mud whelks, soldier crabs and *Lyngbya*
- ..mud and less seagrass than Wellington Point

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

- ..Keep looking for *ovalis*
- ..I'm new! I'm willing to join a group that needs an extra pair of hands
- ..improve our program, retrain volunteers
- ..be able to estimate % cover more accurately and epiphytic cover better
- ..be able to monitor more effectively
- ..encourage people to protect seagrass, develop and study the seagrass in my region

Other comments....

- ..Thanks for sharing the knowledge
- ..Thanks for inviting me to come along
- ..I am very glad I attended the workshop and will be more confident now for monitoring. I would like to do a refresher like this every second year. Thank you very much for today's workshop.
- ..This type of workshop/training session would be beneficial on a regular basis ie. 1-2 yearly
- ..workshop is well organised. Need to involve more local people to participate.



Thank you