



Join
**Global Seagrass
Observing Network,**
so our marine life & oceans
can have a future.

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Protecting Seagrass

Seagrasses are economically and ecologically valuable to both humans and marine life. Seagrass is one of the most productive natural ecosystems in the world.

Ecosystem Engineers

Seagrasses improve water quality by acting as nutrient sinks, buffering or filtering nutrient and chemical inputs to the marine environment. They also stabilise coastal sediments, helping to avert erosion.

Food & Shelter

Seagrasses provide food and shelter for many organisms and are a nursery ground for commercially important prawn and fish species. Larger fish and seabirds visit seagrass meadows to feed. Endangered sea turtles and dugongs also graze on seagrass.

Fragile Ecosystem

Seagrass meadows are fragile ecosystems. Human impacts such as sewage discharge, oil spills, coastal runoff, dredging, boat propellers and anchors/moorings can damage or destroy seagrasses.

About Us

Seagrass-Watch Global Seagrass Observing Network is a not for profit, established in 1998. The network is currently working across 26 countries, monitoring the status and trends in seagrass condition.

Seagrass-Watch is one of the largest long-term seagrass observing programs globally and is highly recognised for its scientific rigour.

Seagrass-Watch participants are from a wide variety of backgrounds. All share a common interest in marine conservation.

Participants are associated with universities & research institutions, government (local & state) or non-government organisations.



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What We Do

Research

Seagrass-Watch has a strong scientific underpinning with an emphasis on consistent data collection, recording and reporting. Scientific, statistical, data management, data interpretation and logistic support underpins all monitoring efforts.

Aims

Seagrass-Watch raises awareness on seagrass ecosystems globally. The Program involves collaboration/partnerships between scientists, community and data users (environment management agencies).

Participants

Seagrass-Watch partners scientists with citizens, as people involved in the program develop a deep sense of custodianship and understanding of their local marine environments that reaches throughout the wider community.