

Workshop Rapporteur Coversheet

Workshop Details

Session Title (in full)	Session 3d: How is your MPA doing? Session 4d: How is your MPA doing? Building Capacity at MPAs
Stream	Evaluating Management Effectiveness
Cross-cutting Theme	Marine
Date	12 September 03
Time	Session 3d: 0900-1200 Session 4d: 14:00 – 17:00

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Session 3d: How is your MPA doing?

September 12th, 09:00 – 12:00

OVERVIEW

Aims: This session is the first of a two-part series that examines methods and experiences in evaluating management effectiveness in marine Protected areas (MPAs), given the unique challenges of managing natural resources in the marine environment. The first part of the session presents and shares lessons from the MPAs that field tested a range of indicators.

Number of participants: 75

Diversity of participants: Very

Number and format of breakout groups: one of two sessions

Summary of main issues discussed:

Representatives from 6 marine protected areas at different countries around the world presented their experiences from evaluating their management effectiveness using standardised methodology. They reported their commitment to continue to learn and adapt their management into the future in order to improve on their impact and achieve their stated goals and objectives.

CONCLUSIONS

Main Findings:

- In particular the workshop participants felt that matching appropriate indicators against relevant goals and objectives was a useful part of the overall process.
- Case studies illustrated how across a range of conditions, countries and approaches, the indicators were universally useful.
- The process allowed management teams to identify and streamline the type s and amounts of information collected in order to be more useful for decision-making processes.
- Participants shared methods on MPA specific issues or challenges, such as tourism impacts on the marine environment.
- The process was found to galvanise support and interest around the MPA, de-politicising and building multi stakeholder support for the future continuation of the MPA.
- Most importantly, the sites reported and discussion concluded that through the management effectiveness valuation process used, the MPA success and conservation impact could be improved on and adapted for future application.

OUTPUT AND FOLLOW-UP ACTION

Recommendations:

- Dedicate a single member of their staff to coordinate and lead on the management effectiveness evaluation process as an adaptive management officer.
- Agreement that the standardised process put forward was a good start and should be improved on and expanded into the future by WCPA.
- There was concern expressed with respect to the need to build in the cost of doing an evaluation on a regular basis and therefore for MPAs to systematically and deliberately earmark the necessary financial and human resources to do so.
- The workshop concluded that there was a need for the WCPA- marine to further expand on and continue the support and involvement of global MPAs to do management

effectiveness evaluations in the future, and continue to provide a forum for MPAs to seek advice and peer exposure from one another in doing such work.

PAPERS SUBMITTED

Measuring MPA Effectiveness- The Challenges, Approaches and Lessons Learned. Charles (Bud) Ehler, NOAA

Measuring Outcomes of MPA Management: How is your MPA Doing? The WCPA/WWF Management Effectiveness Guidebook. Lani Watson NOAA.

Galapagos Island Marine Reserve Demonstration Case. Manuel Bravo, Galapagos National Park, Ecuador.

Miramare Marine Protected area demonstration case. Marco Costantini, Miramare Marine Protected Area.

Lenger Island demonstration Case. Eugene Joseph, Marine program manager, Conservation society of Pohnpei.

Mafia Island Demonstration Case. Sylvester Kazimoto & Jason Rubens, Mafia Island Marine Park & WWF Tanzania.

Biophysical, Socio-economic, and Governance indicators to Enhance Management. John Parks, Nancy Dahl-Taconi, Antonio Arauso and Marivel Dygico.

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Session 4d: How is your MPA doing? Building Capacities at MPAs
September 12th, 14:00 – 17:00

Overview

- **Aim:** Examine experiences in implementing effectiveness assessments at MPAs sites, and explore ways to build capacity for MPAs around the world.
- Number of participants: 30
- Diversity of participants: diverse group of MPA practitioners, donors, government, and NGOs. Diversity from countries and regions.
- Number and format of breakout groups: 2nd session of a two-part series.

Summary:

Five different cases presented their experiences and approaches in conducting management effectiveness evaluation. Some of these approaches are based on the IUCN-Management Effectiveness Framework, and other are institutional based. Some approaches focus more on inputs and process indicators, and other approaches focus on outputs and outcomes. The main purpose of all the approaches is to create and improve management effectiveness and strengthen relationships among MPAs and managers.

Conclusions

Main Findings

- The changing nature of marine environments creates the need to use Management Effectiveness evaluations for Adaptive Management in MPAs.
- Comprehensive planning should go into conducting a management effectiveness evaluation due to the complexity of the marine environment (for example, the external influences) and the local communities that depend on the natural marine resources.
- Management Effectiveness evaluation is found to be useful to improve management performance and must be integrated into management planning.
- Evaluating management effectiveness (and adaptive management) of MPAs is a necessary process to build credibility on the benefits of MPAs.
- Management Effectiveness is a new concept among MPA managers and capacity building is needed to help educate and train managers.
- Use of local language (materials and training) is important for implementing an evaluation of Management Effectiveness.
- Evaluations is a good instrument to organize and utilize existing information or data sets from the MPA
- A key factor for better use of evaluation results is to have clear objectives and the capacity to implement the results.
- Management Effectiveness evaluations are an excellent way to strengthen an MPA network by sharing experiences, lessons learned, and techniques.
- Donors interested in results of MPA evaluations and the outcomes of MPA management.

Outputs and Follow-up Actions

Recommendations

- Donors should promote and support management effectiveness evaluation and be flexible on the structure of an evaluation.
- Governance indicators can be used to link MPA management to Integrated Coastal Management programs.

- There are a variety of ways to implement management effectiveness evaluations at MPAs; through legislation, regional integrated approach, through MPA networks, and through donor requirements.

Presentations

Day, Jon. *Evaluation of Management effectiveness: strategic challenges and lesson learned in the Great Barrier Reef*. Australia

Harris, Jean. *Conducting a management effectiveness assessment in St. Lucia Marine Reserve*. South Africa

Haziolos, Marea & Cerezo, Marco. *MPA Scorecard: a Tool for tracking and reporting progress on management effectiveness*.

Muthiga, Nyawira. *Assessing MPA management effectiveness in the Western Indian Ocean Region*.

Wear, Stephanie. *Multi-Site peer learning: A tool to improve strategy and management effectiveness*.

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