

GCFI Working Session

SocMon Follow-up: From Analysis to Application

Leanna Room, Accra Beach Hotel, Barbados

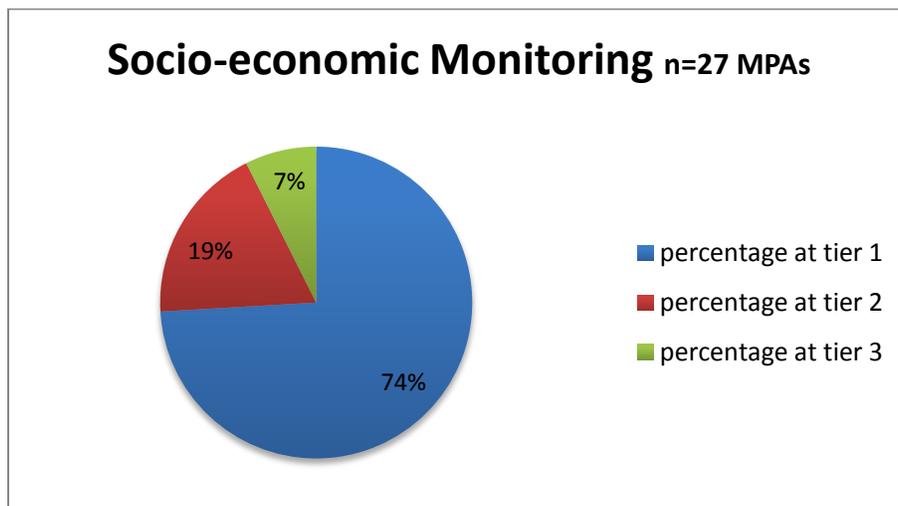
November 4-5, 2014

In 2011 we asked 27 Caribbean marine protected areas (MPAs) in 10 countries and territories about their priority management capacity needs. The results can be found in the Caribbean MPA Management Capacity Assessment (<http://campam.gcfi.org/CapAssess/CaMPAMCapacityAssessment2011.pdf>).

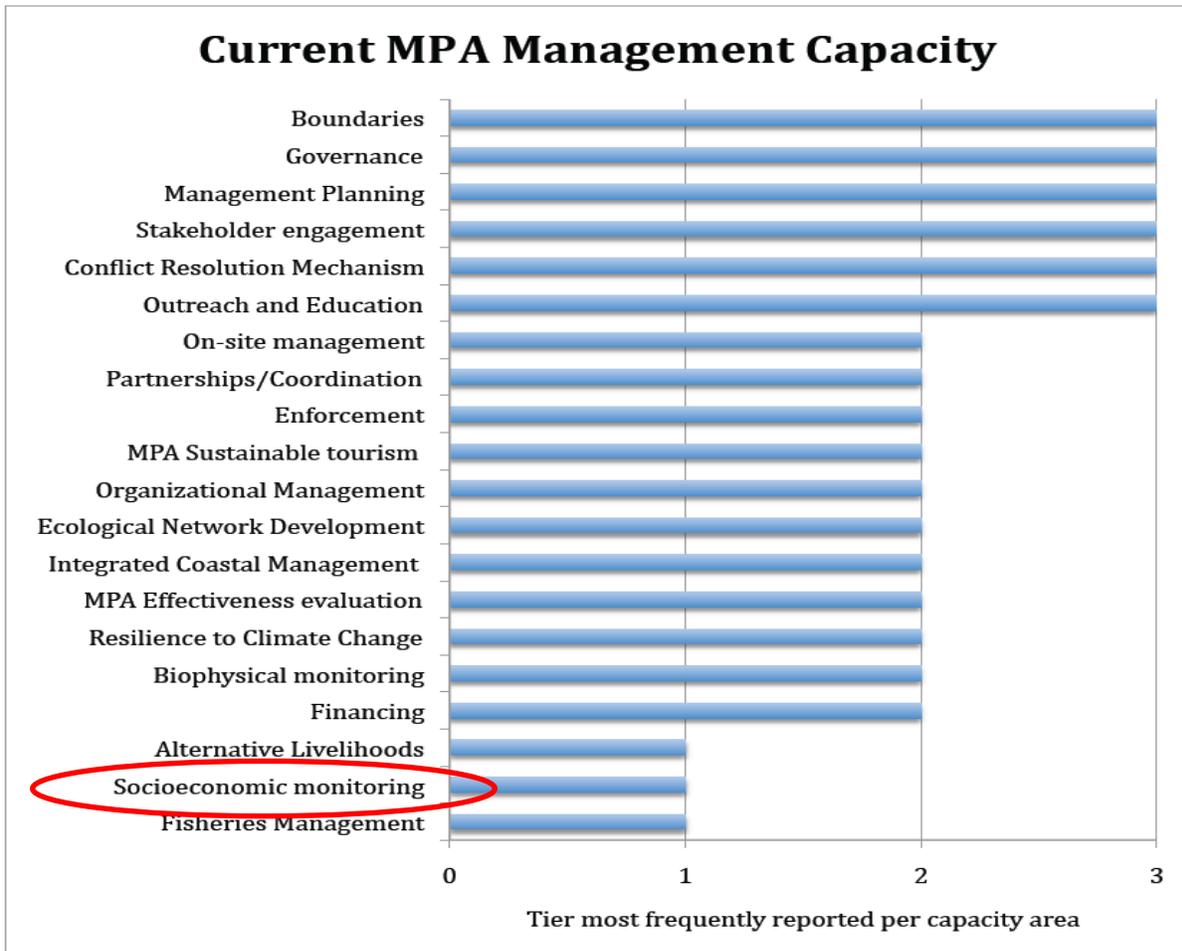
The assessment included some 20 different aspects of MPA management, among them socio-economic monitoring. In particular, we asked whether at the MPA there is:

QUESTION 9a: Socio-economic Monitoring	
Tier 1	Little or no existing socio-economic monitoring activity
Tier 2	Existing socio-economic monitoring program
Tier 3	Data produced from socio-economic monitoring program being evaluated and used to inform management decisions

The findings showed that a minority of MPAs had existing socio-economic monitoring programs (19%), and even fewer were using the data from socio-economic monitoring to inform management decisions (7%).



Across the Caribbean region, socio-economic monitoring was one of the aspects of MPA management where MPAs reported having lowest capacity.



Since the assessment of MPA Management Capacity in 2011, MPA managers from seven countries/territories have taken part in SocMon training with support from NOAA. Training was provided by Maria Pena, SocMon Coordinator for the English-speaking Caribbean, and Arie Sanders, SocMon Coordinator for Central America. SocMon studies have subsequently been completed for 11 Caribbean MPAs.

A challenge for all MPAs is to ensure that monitoring data is analyzed, interpreted and applied in decision-making. Sometimes a further challenge comes from the fact that MPA management objectives can evolve over time, or operational challenges change. Accordingly, this working session is the first attempt by SocMon globally to bring MPA managers together to focus on their management objectives and operational challenges, and to prepare a summary of action-oriented management recommendations using existing SocMon data. As appropriate to the participating MPAs, this could include recommendations on communications and messaging strategies.

This activity is made possible through support from NOAA CRCP and NFWF to enable work with regional initiatives to develop and implement long-term MPA capacity building programs based on capacity assessments.



Turks & Caicos Islands



Carriacou



Grenada



Belize



St Vincent

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Day 1 - Tuesday, November 4, 2014		
Time	Activity	Presenter
8:15am–8:30am	Welcome and recap of Caribbean MPA capacity building activities	Ms. Dana Wusinich-Mendez, Atlantic and Caribbean Team Lead, NOAA's Coral Reef Conservation Program
8:30am-9:00am	SocMon analyses and their potential application in adaptive MPA management	Dr. Peter Edwards, Natural Resource Economist and Social Science Coordinator, NOAA's Coral Reef Conservation Program
<p>Updates on MPA management objectives and information needs from SocMon, please describe:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the current management objectives of your MPA? 2. What are the main operational challenges you are facing? 3. Which parts of your SocMon study have been useful to you so far? 		
9:00am-9:20am	South Coast Marine Conservation Area, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Mr. Andrew Lockhart, Superintendent for Terrestrial and Marine Parks, National Parks, Rivers and Beaches Authority
9:20am-9:40am	Sandy Island/Oyster Bed Marine Protected Area, Carriacou, Grenada	Mr. Norland Cox, Vice Chair of the Board
9:40am-10:00am	Moliniere-Beausejour Marine Protected Area, Grenada	Mr. Olando Harvey, Monitoring Coordinator, Fisheries Division
10:00am-10:30am Coffee Break		
10:30am-10:50am	Point Sable Environmental Protection Area, Saint Lucia	Mr. Craig Henry, Programme Officer, Saint Lucia National Trust -South
10:50am-11:10am	Blue Hole and Half Moon Caye Natural Monuments, Belize	Mr. Shane Young, Marine Manager, Belize Audubon Society
11:10am-11:30am	Princess Alexandra Land and Sea National Park, West Caicos Marine National Park and Columbus Landfall National Park, Turks & Caicos Islands	Mr. Luc Clerveaux, Environmental Officer, Department of Environment and Maritime Affairs
11:30am-12:00pm	Discussion of lessons learned by MPA managers from recent SocMon studies	Dr. Peter Edwards, Natural Resource Economist and Social Science Coordinator, NOAA's Coral Reef Conservation Program and MPA managers
12:00pm-2:00pm Lunch		
2:00pm-2:15pm	Example application of SocMon analysis to MPA adaptive management	Ms. Emma Doyle, Project Manager, GCFI
2:15pm-2:30pm	Explanation of working session approach and anticipated outputs	Ms. Emma Doyle, Project Manager, GCFI
2:30pm-4:00pm	Working session with mentors	All participants
4:00pm-4:30pm Coffee Break		
4:30pm-5:30pm	Presentation of progress	MPA managers

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Day 2 - Wednesday, November 5, 2014		
Time	Activity	Presenter
12:00pm-2:00pm Lunch		
2:00pm-3:30pm	Working session with mentors	All participants
3:30pm-3:45pm	South Coast Marine Conservation Area, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Mr. Andrew Lockhart, Superintendent for Terrestrial and Marine Parks, National Parks, Rivers and Beaches Authority
3:45pm-4:00pm	Sandy Island/Oyster Bed Marine Protected Area, Carriacou, Grenada	Mr. Norland Cox, Vice Chair of the Board
4:00pm-4:15pm	Moliniere-Beausejour Marine Protected Area, Grenada	Mr. Orlando Harvey, Monitoring Coordinator, Fisheries Division
4:15pm-4:30pm	Point Sable Environmental Protection Area, Saint Lucia	Mr. Craig Henry, Programme Officer South, Saint Lucia National Trust
4:30pm-4:45pm	Blue Hole and Half Moon Caye Natural Monuments, Belize	Mr. Shane Young, Marine Manager, Belize Audubon Society
4:45pm-5:00pm	Princess Alexandra Land and Sea National Park, West Caicos Marine National Park and Columbus Landfall National Park, Turks & Caicos Islands	Mr. Luc Clerveaux, Environmental Officer, Department of Environment and Maritime Affairs
5:00pm-5:30pm	Discussion of feedback on SocMon interpretation and application	Dr. Peter Edwards, Natural Resource Economist and Social Science Coordinator, NOAA's Coral Reef Conservation Program and MPA managers

6:00pm-7:00pm	Special review session about contribution of NOAA capacity building efforts to date and potential for updating of 2011 MPA capacity assessment	Ms. Dana Wusinich-Mendez, Atlantic and Caribbean Team Lead, NOAA's Coral Reef Conservation Program and MPA managers plus Yrvin Ramirez (Mexico), Ericka Hernandez (Mexico), Celia Mahung (Belize)
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