



## **AGENDA**

# **Peer-to-Peer Learning Summit on Sustainable Finance Strategies for Marine Protected Areas in the Caribbean**

**October 30-31, 2011**

**Concurrent Session at 64<sup>th</sup> GCFI, Puerto Morelos, México**

**Location: Dreams Riviera Cancun Resort & Spa,**

**Carretera Federal 307 Chetumal-Puerto Juárez, Puerto Morelos, México**

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### **Summary**

Convened by the Caribbean Marine Protected Areas Management Network and Forum (CaMPAM) in partnership with NOAA's Coral Reef Conservation Program (NOAA CRCP), this peer-to-peer learning summit is a follow-up activity to the assessment conducted in 2011 by CaMPAM, 'A Management Capacity Assessment of Selected Coral Reef Marine Protected Areas in the Caribbean', in which 27 MPA sites from 10 countries and territories participated. The full report can be found online at <http://campam.gcfi.org/CapAssess/CapacityAssessmentReport2011/index.html>.

The MPA Management Capacity Assessment indicated that the development and implementation of sustainable finance strategies ranks as one of the top priority capacity needs among participating MPA managers, and this peer-to-peer summit is designed to help address this need.

The peer-to-peer summit brings together coral reef managers from around the region to exchange information, share experiences and examine best practices in sustainable financing in the region. During the summit, participants will work with peers from other MPAs and with conservation finance experts to develop site-specific action plans for the development and implementation of business plans and new conservation finance mechanisms at their sites.

## Aim

The peer-to-peer summit aims to provide participating coral reef managers with practical tools, supporting information and related training to develop an action plan during the summit that can guide the development of MPA business plans for their site(s), and that will help guide the selection of conservation finance mechanisms that are appropriate for implementation in their MPA(s).

## Overview

Session / Mechanism	Objectives
Session 1: Site Level Business Planning Tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Present case studies on the successful application of tools and mechanisms for sustainable MPA financing in the region</li><li>• Discuss opportunities for the application of these mechanisms to other MPA sites</li></ul>
Session 2: Site Level Sustainable Finance Mechanisms	
Session 3: Applied Site Level Business Planning: Field Trip to Isla Contoy Marine National Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Present example(s) of sustainable finance mechanisms in place, including discussion on the process of putting mechanisms in place</li><li>• Discussion of potential site-specific action planning for the future development or refinement of sustainable financing mechanisms</li></ul>

## Workshop Facilitator

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**Saturday, October 29, 2011 9pm:** Facilitator’s meeting with presenters, Rendezvous Lobby Bar, Dreams Riviera Cancún

**Day 1: Sunday, October 30, 2011**

TIME	SESSION 1: Site Level Business Planning Tools
8:30am—8:45am	Introductory Remarks, Review Agenda, Introductions
8:45am—9:15am	<b>Business Plan Methodology</b> (15 minute presentation with 15 minutes Q&A) Robert Weary, TNC
9:15am—9:45am	<b>Case Study 1: Business Plans for St. Croix East End Marine Park and St. Thomas East End Reserve, USVI</b> (15 minute presentation with 15 minutes Q&A) Jeanne Brown, TNC
9:45am—10:15am	<b>Case Study 2: Sandy Island/Oyster Bed MPA, Carriacou, Grenada, Business Plan</b> (15 minute presentation with 15 minutes Q&A) Bryan Whyte, Secretary, Sandy Island & Oyster Bed MPA, Carriacou, Grenada
10:15am—10:45am	<b>Case Study 3: Blue Hole MPA Business Plan</b> (15 minute presentation with 15 minutes Q&A) Shane Young, Marine Protected Areas Manager, Belize Audubon Society
10:45am—11:00am	<b>BREAK</b>
11:00am—12:00pm	<b>Site Level Business Planning Tools:</b> Break-out group discussion and planning
12:00pm—12:30pm	Summary of group discussions
12:30pm—1:30pm	<b>LUNCH</b>
TIME	SESSION 2: Site Level Sustainable Finance Mechanisms
1:30pm—2:00pm	<b>Overview of Site Level Sustainable Finance Mechanisms</b> (15 minute presentation with 15 minutes Q&A) Robert Weary, TNC
2:00pm—2:30pm	<b>Case Study 1: Financial Sustainability of a Marine Protected Area: Fees in Bonaire</b> (15 minute presentation with 15 minutes Q&A) Ramón de León, Marine Park Manager, Bonaire National Marine Park
2:30pm—3:00pm	<b>Case Study 2: Financial Sustainability of a Marine Protected Area: Fees in Soufriere MPA, St. Lucia</b> (15 minute presentation with 15 minutes Q&A) Newton Eristhee, General Manager, Soufriere Marine Management Association, St. Lucia
3:00pm—3:30pm	<b>Case Study 3: Willingness to Pay Survey as Applied to Tobago Cays Marine Park, St. Vincent and the Grenadines</b> (15 minute presentation with 15 minutes Q&A) Olando Harvey, Marine Biologist, Tobago Cays Marine Park, St. Vincent and the Grenadines
3:30pm—3:45pm	<b>BREAK</b>
3:45pm—4:45pm	<b>Site Level Sustainable Finance Mechanisms:</b> Break-out group discussion and planning
4:45pm—5:15pm	Summary of group discussion
5:15pm—5:30pm	Wrap-up & Closing Remarks

**Day 2: Monday, October 31, 2011**

Parque Nacional  
*Isla Contoy*



TIME	Session 3: Applied Site Level Business Planning: Field Trip to Isla Contoy National Park
8:30-10:00am	GCFI Opening Session: Yvonne Sadovy
10:00-11:00	Ground transport from Puerto Morelos to Punta Sam Wharf, Puerto Juárez
11:00-12:30	Boat transport from Punta Sam Wharf to Isla Contoy National Park, including snorkel stop on the reef at Isla Che
12:30-13:30	Welcome and lunch
13:30-14:30	Tour of environmental interpretation trail
14:30-15:15	Visit to the Puerto Viejo Lagoon
15:15-16:00	Sharing experiences with park staff
16:00-17:30	Boat transport from Isla Contoy National Park to Punta Sam Wharf
17:30-18:30	Ground transport from Punta Sam Wharf to Puerto Morelos

**Field Trip Information**

The field station at Isla Contoy National Park is located approximately an hour and a half in boat from the closest population, so please bring with you anything that you are likely to need on this trip. Lunch will be provided, including food and drinks. The following are the items that are advisable to bring:

- ✓ Sun block
- ✓ Hat or cap
- ✓ Rain jacket (nb. this is essential)
- ✓ Insect repellent (nb. this is essential!)
- ✓ Towel
- ✓ Swimming costume
- ✓ Slippers/flip-flops
- ✓ Comfortable walking shoes
- ✓ Personal snorkel gear (as desired, although there is also snorkel gear available free of charge on the boat)
- ✓ Binoculars (as desired)