

Caribbean Fishery Management Council
177th regular meeting (hybrid)
Courtyard by Marriott Isla Verde Beach Resort and Zoom
February 9th, 2022
Recommendations

Inventory of U.S. Caribbean MPAs –Diana Beltrán, URI

By Tony Blanchard:MPAs looking to evaluate. Lots of studies done

1. Presence of enforcement will enforce regulations
GGM-Combination of all regulations is a question for later.

Outreach and Education on MPAs – Alida Ortíz, CFMC Outreach and Education Advisory Panel Chair

2. Marcos H: To engage to the Department of Education somehow, somehow that if they are going make examples **use the Nassau grouper and talk about them**. Is a simple way to sensibelize the kids of the surroundings, they are disconnected from local examples. For DE to step up for better education relevant to our area, pursue somehow.
3. Alida: go more than science class and do that as a curricular content.
4. Julian: To get liaisons within different districts to reach out to non-profit organizations that look into the aspects of reefs, wildlife and all in general to be part of the process.

By GGM

5. To have that GIS spatial distribution for each of the MPAs so we can identify what is being missing.
6. Welcome the participation of fishers when designing a fishery independent survey for these managed areas.
7. Evaluation of MPAs has to be carried out in the sense of what depth is being assessed versus the evaluated area.
8. Revisit MPA as much as they cover the spawning area, and conduct stock assessment beginning with commercial species and coral health depending on SEDAR process
9. Connection between connectivity highlights importance with Miguel's info of larva distribution to identify probable recruitment areas for monitoring operations.

DAP chairs recommendations:

PR to **bring recommendation with panel in March**.

Council members

Damaris: Areas of opportunities to improve or strengthen our marine protected areas,

1. Recommend work with what we have rather than to achieve more MPAs and suggest trying to strengthen the present ones. That will improve management and analyzing data and concretizing the gaps and how to address filling them.

Carlos F:

2. Revisit MPA as much as they cover the spawning area, and conduct stock assessment beginning with commercial species and coral health depending on SEDAR process

Andrew Strelcheck:

3. Put fishermen see how much alignment and disagreement by prioritizing research being conducted will address when research will be done.

Ggm: monitoring past new months -prioritization areas. So we are meeting monthly for that.

Marcos H:

4. Connection between connectivity thiglitghh importance with Miguel's info of larva distribution to identify probable recruitment areas for monitoring operations. To see in 1,2,3 years how those permanent can be expanded. Maybe assign to high recruitment area.

Kevin: Studies fairly recent. Not that it hasn't been reported is just not being distributed.

MR-will sit down prioritization of science studies. Work again on the prioritization list.