

“How is your MPA doing?”: An exercise in management effectiveness evaluation

The purpose of this exercise is to give participants a feel for Marine Protected Area Management Effectiveness evaluation (MPA-ME).

Activity:

The mission of the Tobago Cays Marine Park (TCMP), St. Vincent and the Grenadines is “*to protect, conserve and improve the natural resources of the Tobago Cays.*”

The goal of this MPA as defined in the first draft of the management plan (Hoggarth 2007) and overall objective and secondary objectives are given in Table 1.

Table 1 TCMP goal, overall objective and secondary objectives

TCMP goal	Objective	Secondary objectives
<i>To protect and enhance the natural resources of the TCMP and allow for their sustainable and equitable use by local people and visiting tourists, by developing and implementing effective participatory management systems.</i>	To maintain or restore the quality of the park’s natural resources and the scenic aspect of the islands and thereby support the economic development of St. Vincent and the Grenadines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protecting the biodiversity of the park • Conserving the marine resources • Ensuring the park is managed along commercial lines • Working with other relevant agencies using the media to promote the marine park as a tourist resort and attraction • Public awareness and stakeholder participation • Public education • Protecting sustainable livelihoods

Using the ‘How is your MPA doing? Guidebook, list the relevant biophysical, socio-economic and governance indicators for monitoring and evaluating the management effectiveness of the TCMP based on its goal and objectives in Table 2.

Table 2

TCMP goal	Overlapping goals from summary tables (pgs 52, 116, 164)	TCMP objectives	Overlapping objectives from summary tables (52, 116, 164)	Relevant indicators from summary tables (53, 117, 165)
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