SocMon Case Study: Canaries, St. Lucia

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What was our goal in Canaries?
To determine what types of development, based on marine resource use and activity in the CAMMA, are appropriate for Canaries?

Background
• Village des Canaries. Pronounced "Vi-large day Ka-na-wi". The name means large cooking pot in French.
• The name comes from the way the mountains surrounds the village.
• It is considered the smallest village in Canaries.

Background cont’d
• Canaries has been historically a fishing village.
• The life of the people of the village is centered around the river, beach and sea.
• 95% Catholic.

Education and Employment
• Two schools: one infant and one primary.
• Most of the population only attain a primary education.
• Only about 20 students attend secondary school in Soufriere and Castries.
• There is about 80% unemployment.
• Most people are self-employed or fishers.

Resource Uses
• River: bathing, drinking, garbage, washing, mining, fishing and socials.
• Beach: sports, fishing, sand mining and other recreational activities.
• Sea: fishing, bathing, swimming, coral mining and transportation.
Methods

Day 1
- Advance preparation.
- Data collection through secondary sources.
- Data collection through key informants.
- De-briefing and Gap Analysis.

Day 2
- Questionnaire development and planning.
- Data collection through questionnaires and informal interviews.

Day 3
- Data analysis:
  - Questionnaire coding.
  - Data compilation.
- Presentation preparation

Results

Who was surveyed?
- 20 households in Canaries
  - Age: Range 24-91 years old.
  - Gender:
    - Male - 8
    - Female - 12
  - Education Levels:
    - Primary School - 15
    - Secondary School - 5

Results cont’d

What people like about Canaries
- No Crime: 30%
- Friendly: 35%
- Quiet: 13%
- No Answer: 22%

Results cont’d

What people don’t like about Canaries
- Unemployment: 32%
- Crime: 4%
- Drugs/Alcohol: 4%
- Noise: 7%
- Wastewater: 11%
- Domestic disputes: 4%
- Teenage Pregnancy: 4%
- Governance: 11%
- Idle Youth: 4%

Results cont’d

How do people in Canaries use the environment?

Community Perception
- How do people use the sea?
  - 50% - Fishing
  - 15% - Bathing
  - 10% - Swimming
- How do people use the beach?
  - 45% - Bathing
  - 40% - Recreation
  - 20% - Don’t Use
- How do people use the river?
  - 90% - Washing
  - 45% - Bathing
  - 15% - Fishing/Garbage Disposal

Actual Use (by respondents)
- How do you use the sea?
  - 40% - Don’t use
  - 25% - Fishing
  - 20% - Swimming
- How do you use the beach?
  - 55% - Don’t Use
  - 25% - Bathing
  - 25% - Recreation
- How do you use the river?
  - 45% - Bathing
  - 45% - Washing
  - 35% - Don’t Use

Results cont’d

How do people see the Marine environment playing a role in Canaries Development?
- 50% were unable to provide suggestions
- Of the remaining 10 respondents:
  - 80% - Tourism
  - 70% - Coastal Infrastructure
  - 10% - Small Business

Results cont’d

What other things can be done to develop Canaries?
- 50% - Industry
- 20% - Tourism
- 10% - Small Business/Education/Infrastructure
Key Learning Points

What are the past, present and proposed marine resources uses in the CAMMA and their contributions to income and revenue generation?

- Past: bathing, washing, garbage disposal, sand mining, water, recreation, fishing, transport
- Present: same as above
- Future: unsure of what they wanted, some fishers proposed a fishing complex.

Most respondents were unaware of CAMMA and what it represented.

Key Learning Points cont’d

What are the challenges and opportunities for marine resource use or activities in the CAMMA relevant to Canaries?

- Challenges: siltation of the mouth of the river, lack of regular gas supplies for fishers, and fishing facilities.
- Beach erosion
- Lack of infrastructure for tourism development
- Not many respondents saw opportunities for marine reserves in CAMMA

Key Learning Points cont’d

What livelihood or income strategies do people in Canaries use to complement or supplement marine resource use or activity?

- Little or no alternative income strategies apart from building, small businesses, and migration

Key Learning Points cont’d

What are the social and cultural characteristics of Canaries that are desirable to maintain or must be taken into account in development?

- Fishing
- Low crime
- Low education level
- Not proactive but reactive
- Christian beliefs

Thank you!