

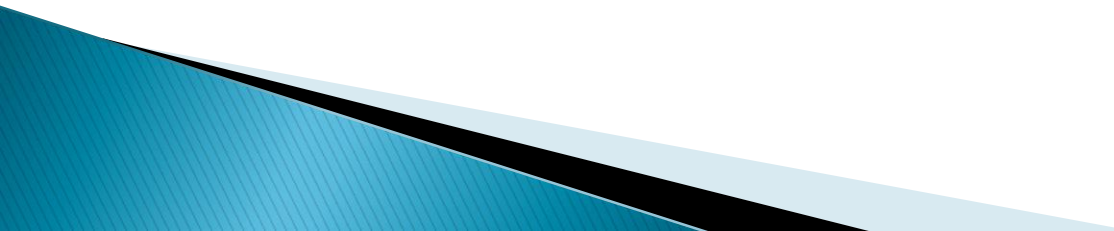
# MPA Governance Follow up

## Activity :

### WCCBMPA Fishermen Consultation



# Introduction

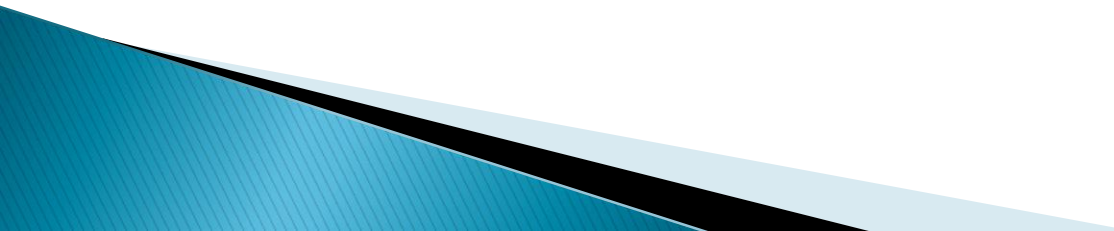
- ▶ Woburn Clarke's Court Bay (WCCB) is known as the "Fishing Village" in the South of Island.
  - ▶ The bay was designated as a Marine Protected Area in 2001.
  - ▶ WCCBMPA is planned to be launched in 2012 by The Fisheries Division
  - ▶ The key emphasis is a need for improved communications with local stakeholders to create awareness on the importance of the MPA's within the context of ecosystem based on management and adaptive capacity.
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# WCCBMPA Boundaries





# Objectives

- ▶ To identify fishermen as one of the primary Stakeholder Group for the MPA.
  - ▶ Inform the fishermen on the WCCBMP proposed management development and discuss the perception on the MPA using SWOT Analysis.
  - ▶ To create an awareness with fishermen on the importance of MPA.
  - ▶ To discuss Survey Results on the number of fishermen using the ground.
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# Focus Group Meeting. Distribution of Flyers and by Word of Mouth Contact.



# Discussion : SWOT : perceived by the fishermen in relation to the operation of the WCCBMPA.

## Strengths

- 1) Management would allow them to address major threats within the basin: waste management and pollution issues from yachts, effluent from the sugar factory and else where.
- 2.) Management would provide protection of the marine resources and ecosystem services of the bay and assist in zoning the bay for various user interests.
- 3.) Management stakeholder consultation will provide avenues for fishers to address their livelihood concerns in relation to the MPA.
- 4.) The WCCB is not a commercial fishing site & has limited livelihood impacts on fishers at the commercial level.

## Weakness :

- 1.) Fishers who fish outside the area may not show particular interest.
- 2.) Proposed management does not seem to offer a solution to the problem of developments such as marinas and resorts (Fisher: *"Building and breaking at the same time"*)
- 3.) Fishers are concerned that the WCCBMPA regulations will prohibit their traditional and subsistence fishing. They have this concern due to the observed regulations placed on MBMPA and SIOBMPA.
- 4.) Fishers worry that their views will not have as much weight compared to "big" companies and yachts

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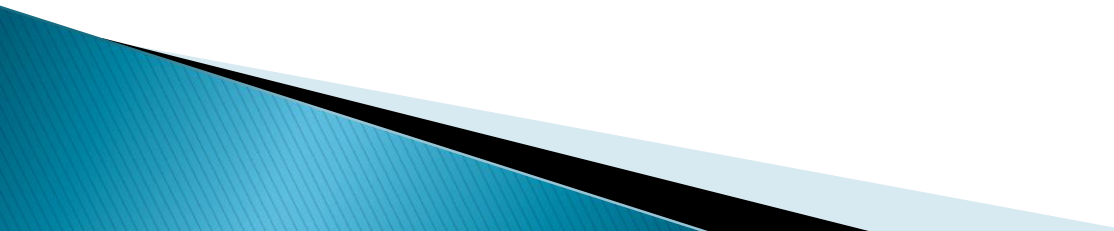
## Opportunity

- 1) Management may provide the opportunity for fishers to become organized and engaged, and to bring collective concerns to the MPA management committee.
- 2.) May offer solutions to deal with the yacht and mariner “problems”.
- 3.) May provide an opportunity to extend the boundaries of the MPA eastward to pre-empt further degradations in adjacent mangrove communities.

## Threats

- Depending on the type of management regulations established in the future, these may lead to the loss of traditional user access to the fishing grounds within the basin.
- 2.) Fishers voices may be not influential in the decision-making process in comparison with stakeholders with greater power and money.
  - 3.) If other fishers show little or no interest in management than fishers' positions could be weakened (undermined). It has been challenging to organise the fisher folk in Woburn to date.

# Key learning

- ▶ Public consultation is needed to raise more awareness on WCCBMPA
  - ▶ Clearer vision as to how developments will incorporate in the management plan.
  - ▶ Speedy solution as to how the MPA will handle the problem of Pollution.
  - ▶ More involvement at the community level, where jobs and direct benefits can be gained.
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# Questions

