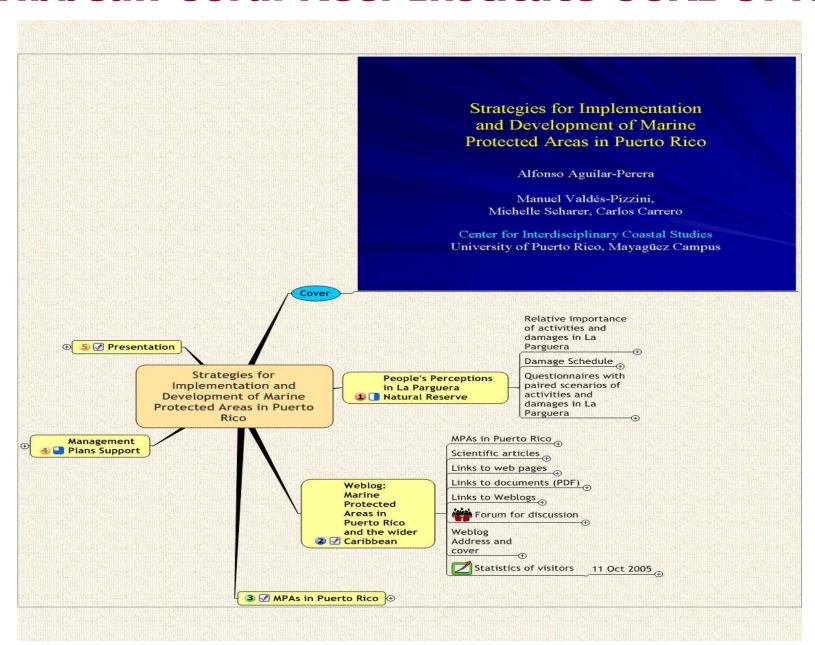
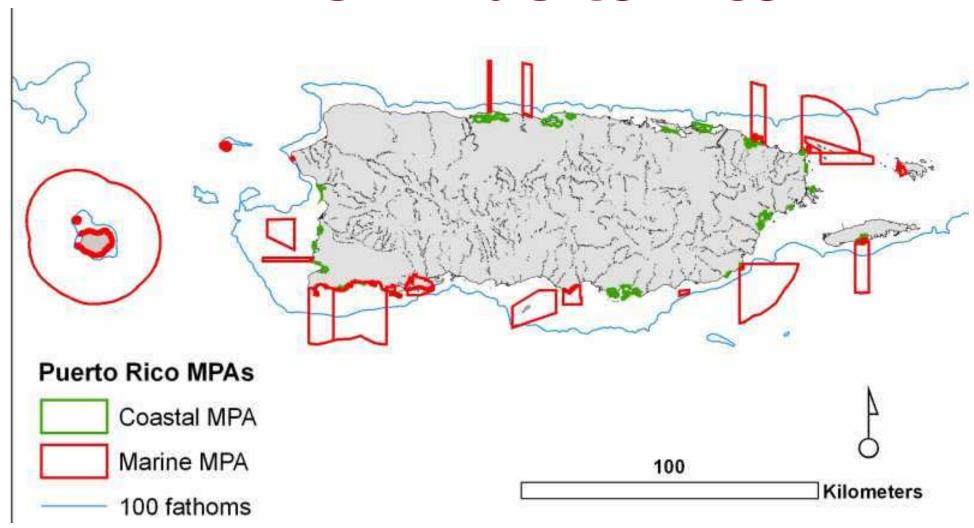


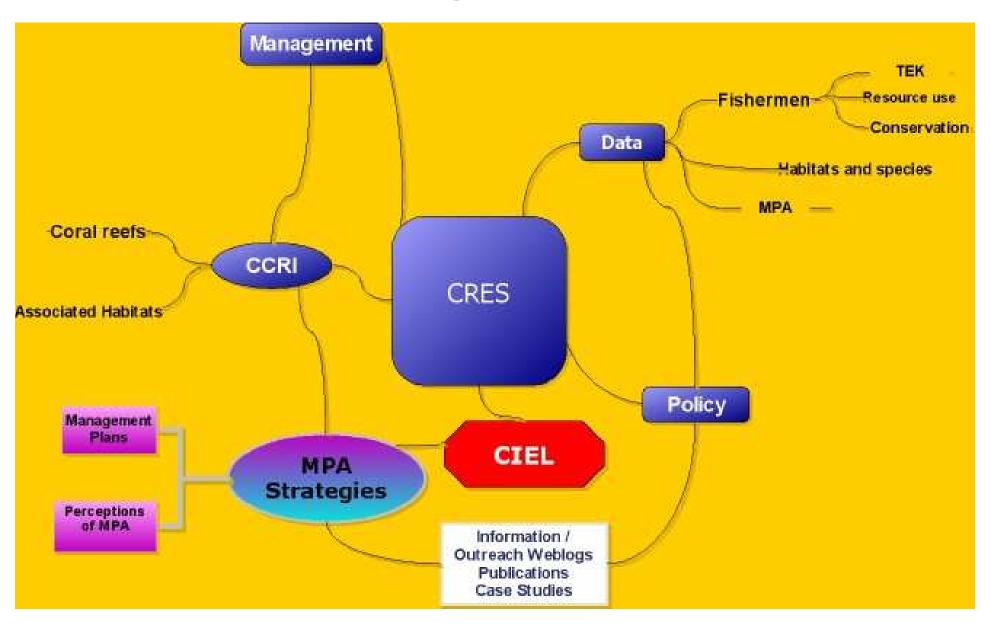
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### **MPAs in Puerto Rico**

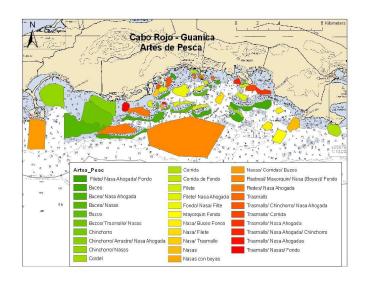


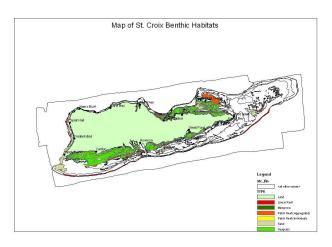
# CIEL, CRES, CCRI, Commonwealth and Federal Management Processes



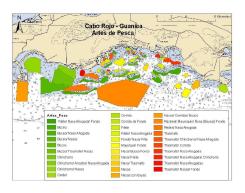
# CRES Data Relevant to MPA Strategies

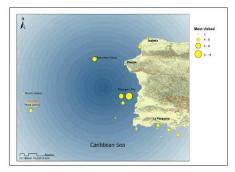
- Scientific, local and traditional ecological knowledge
- Perceptions and knowledge of fishes and ecosystems.
- Perceptions of management.
- Knowledge of the health of coral reefs and associated organisms.
- Case studies of processes in MPAs: Tres Palmas in Rincón, Canal Luis Peña in Culebra and the East End Marine Park in St. Croix.

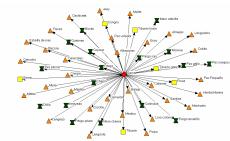




# Data to support management decisions by Commonwealth, Federal agencies and NGOs:







- Maps of fishing activities and areas in La Parguera.
- Maps of healthy reefs, and species of coral, based on the local knowledge of dive operators.
- Revised maps of MPA in Puerto Rico.
- Maps of activities, zoning and habitats for Culebra and Rincón.
- © Cognitive maps of habitats based on qualitative data.
- Network maps of the trophic web based on the TEK of fishers

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### Spatial display of Fishermen's Ecological Knowledge

Environmental social scientists are increasingly realizing the critical importance of geographical information systems (GIS) in studying the diverse spatiol-temporal dimension of human-environmental relationships (Aldenderfer and Maschner, 1996; Conant, 1994) and in employing such knowledge to design and implement resource management strategies (Bownman et al. 2004).

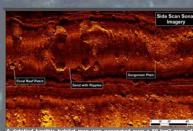
This poster presents the results of an interdisciplinary effort (social sciences and oceanography) in mapping fishing activities. Here we incorporate a GIS database and socio-spatial information, such as local fishermen's Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and artisanal fishing data (based on field observations of fishing effort) to determine the distribution of fishing effort within the MPA.

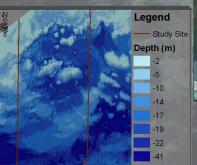
Fishers identified a number of fishing grounds and demarcated sites on the map. Fishing grounds are composed of areas (polygons) or floating spots (point) that are represented in the center figure.

### Study site

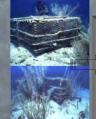


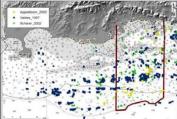
Thanks to the fishermen of La Parguera, for providing the data used in this study. Research for this study was supported by the University of Puerto Rico Sea Grant Program, and the analysis by the Puerto Rico Coral Reef Ecosystems Studies program















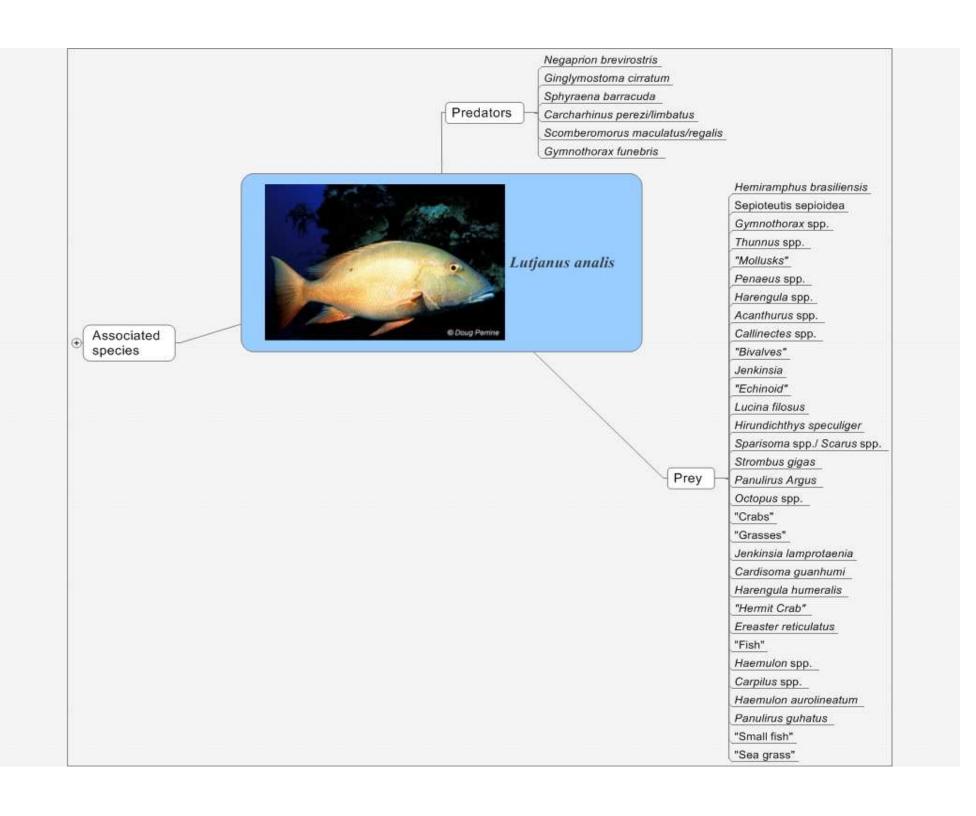












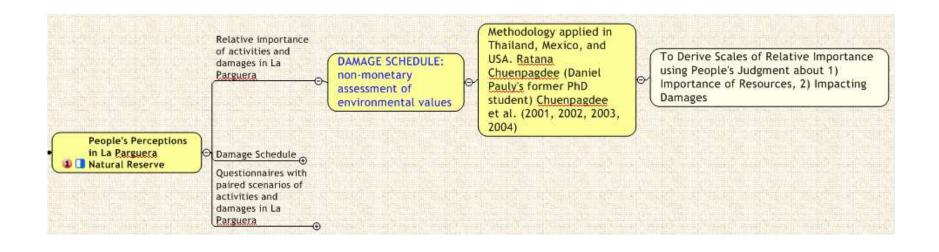
### Fishers views on one MPA

	Strongly Disagree*	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know
Maintains Spawning Aggregations	4.9	1.2	3.7	4.9	80.5	4.8
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Improves quantity of fishes inside	6.1	1.2	2.4	7.3	75.6	7.3
Improves quantity of fishers in adjacent area	3.7	2.5	2.5	7.4	75.3	8.6
Protects species in vulnerable areas	6.1	2.4	2.4	6.1	79.3	3.6
Restores or maintains habitat quality	9.8	4.9	0	6.1	75.6	3.6
Creates problems for my family and myself	42.7	8.5	11.0	7.3	26.8	3.6
Creates problems for communities	17.1	7.3	14.6	7.3	47.6	5.1
Creates employment / investment opportunity	31.3	5.0	11.3	3.8	25.0	23.9

## **General MPA findings**

- Between 70% and 90% strongly agree that MPAs meet biological goals in:
   Tourmaline, Bajo de Sico, La Mona/Monito, Abril La Sierra, and Desecheo.
- Less positive about Canal de Luis Peña in Culebra
- Puerto Rican fishers had little experience with USVI MPA.
- Fishers had mixed views about the social and economic impacts of MPA.

## DAMAGE SCHEDULE: non-monetary assessment of environmental values



## **Damage Schedule**

- 150 Interviews
- Managers
- Scientific community
- Tourist operators
- Permanent residents
- Visitors
- Fishers

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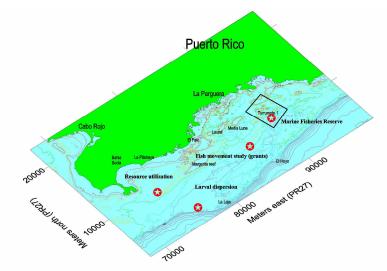
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### Case study: La Parguera

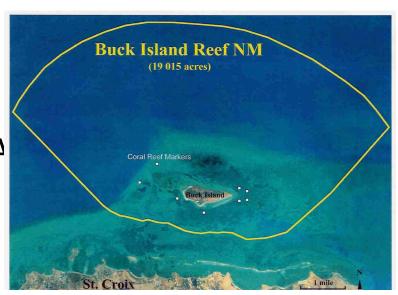
- History of contentions and local claims
- Process and lack of incorporation of stakeholders
- Assumptions and questions on MPA
- Patterns of resource use
- Co-management ahead of time
- Local politics
- Environmental justice and coastal development

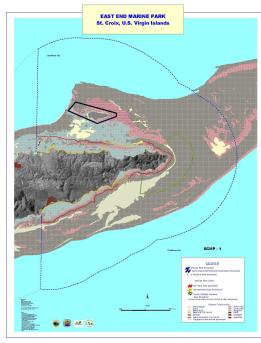




### Case study: St. Croix

- Array of management measures
- Status of coral reefs and water quality
- Increment in the number of MPA and fishers' displacement
- Partial incorporation of stakeholders in the consulting process
- Ethnicity, language and management
- Territorial vs. Federal efforts
- Role of Conservation NGO





## **Support to Management Plans**

### Reserva Natural Canal Luis Peña, Culebra

- \*Review of the scientific and socioeconomic data
- \*Analysis of data and reports (of Edwin Hernández Delgado)
- \*Preparation of a Management Plan Draft
- \*Planning to apply Damage Schedule
- \*Lessons Learned

### Reserva Marina Tres Palmas, Rincón

- \*Involvement of stakeholders in the development of the management plan
- \*Planning to apply Damage Schedule
- \*Lessons Learned

### Reserva Natural La Parguera, Lajas

- \*Planning and application of the Damage Schedule
- \*Preparation of the case study on Turrumote
- \*Compilation of fieldnotes and documents on the failed attempt to establish a No-take zone (Turrumote)
- \*Review of the designation document for the Turrumote No-take zone
- \*Examination of the public hearings on the Special Planning Area designation (APE)
- \*Design of a strategy to engage in the process to develop a No-Take Zone

Support to NOAA and the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DNER) in the design of a strategy for priorities in the development and implementation of management plans for MPA.

A set of priorities was developed.





# First Draft of the Management Plan for the Luis Peña Marine Reserve (a no-take reserve) in Culebra. In collaboration with Sea Grant, DNER, the municipality and the local NGOs.

Plan de Manejo de la Reserva Natural Canal Luís Peña, Culebra



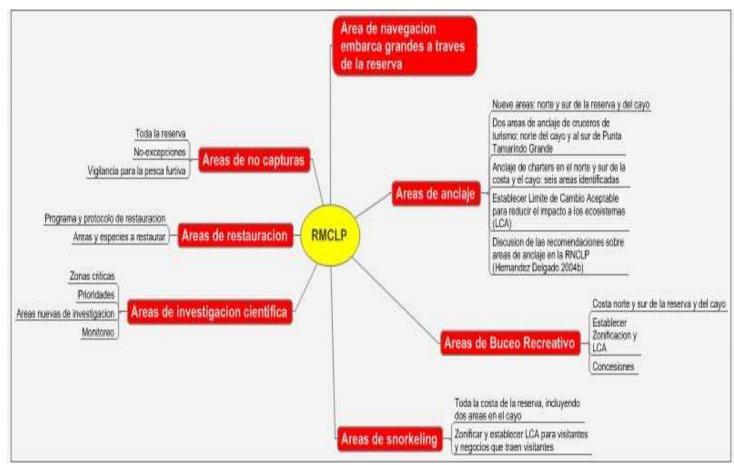
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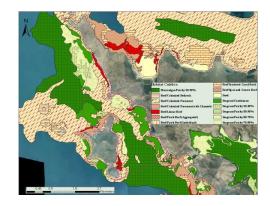
Culebra, Puerto Rico Octubre 28 de 2005













# A bilingual (Spanish and English) web log on MPA in Puerto Rico and the conservation of coral reefs and the local fisheries: <a href="http://www.amp-pr.org/blog">http://www.amp-pr.org/blog</a> (supported by CCRI and the College of Arts and Sciences, UPR-Mayagüez)



Caribbean Marine Reserves Research and Monitoring Workshop / Taller Caribeño sobre Investigación y Monitoreo en las Reservas Marinas

Published by / Publicado por: Manuel Valdés Pizzini From / Desde: St. John, USVI



Gary Davis, Visiting Chief Scientist, NPS served as facilitator of the workshop



### **MPA Blog Productivity**

- → July 2005-2006
- → 151 entries
- → 12-13 per month
- 57 links to organizations and programs
- → 14 links to MPAs in USA and the Caribbean
- 31 references and links to on-line publications
- → 23 on-line peer reviewed publications on fisheries and MPAs



## **Visitors**

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Puerto Rico	
USA	3943
Mexico	823
Spain	340
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Colombia	147
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United Kingdom	60
Dominican Republic	54
Ecuador	50
South Korea	43
Costa Rica	35
Portugal	35
France	28
Panama	26
Germany	22
Canada	22
Brazil	20
Others	221

## A bilingual (Spanish and English) web log of spawning aggregations in Puerto Rico and the Caribbean:

http://www.amp-pr.org/spag



### **SPAG Blog Productivity**

- → October 2005-2006
- → 35 posts
- → 30 links
- 7 on-line publications
- 12 peer reviewed publications
- → Society for the Conservation of Reef Fish Agregations (SCRFA) Newsletters



### **SPAG Visitors**

Mexico	638
USA	599
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### Other related blogs:

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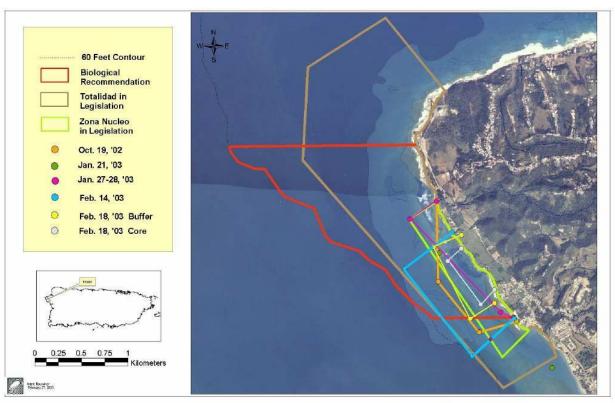
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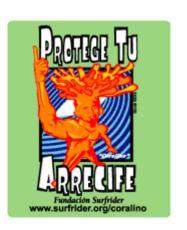
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A Participatory Process for the Development of the Management Plan for Tres Palmas Marine Reserve in Rincón (version 3 of the plan is on its way). In collaboration with Surfrider Foundation, Sea Grant, DNER, the municipality and the local NGOs.

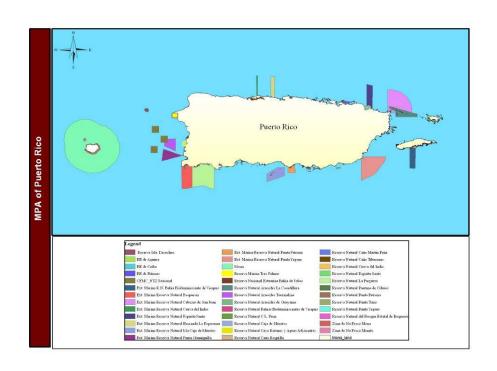


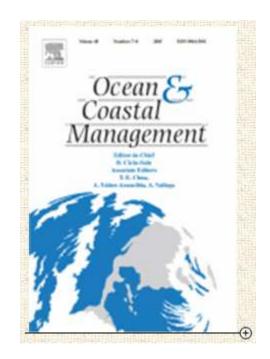




# Analysis and clarification of the legal framework and policy development and implementation strategies for MPA in Puerto Rico

### **Submitted to Ocean and Coastal Management**





### On-going review of the <u>Compilation of Laws</u>, <u>Documents and Maps of MPA</u>

### NOAA's Inventory of Marine Managed Areas.







COMPENDIO DE DOCUMENTOS LEGALES DE ÁREAS MARINAS MANEJADAS EN PUERTO RICO

SUMMARY OF LEGAL DOCUMENTATION FOR MARINE MANAGED AREAS OF PUERTO RICO

> COSTAS UPR MAYAGÜEZ 2004



Schärer, M. T., M. Valdés-Pizzini, M. Rivera-Velázquez, M. Almodóvar and A. Granell, (2004) Summary of legal documentation for marine managed areas of Puerto Rico. Sea Grant College Program, University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez, Puerto Rico, 243 pages.



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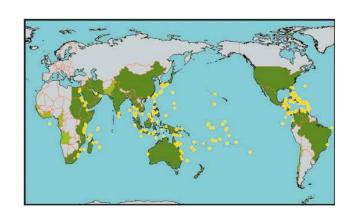
Much ado About Nothing: Critical Annotations on Stakeholder Participation Schemes in Fisheries Management and MPA Development

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Fishery and social scientists, as well as managers have been on a frantic search for a blueprint for the effective participation and collaboration of key stakeholders in the sustainable use and effective management of marine ecosystems and resources. Yet, the recipe seems to be elusive due the peculiarities and history of each site and the background of the participants involved. During the last 10 years, we devoted time and effort to the understanding of such processes throughout the Puerto Rico and the Wider Caribbean. This paper presents a protocol for public participation in fisheries management and a conceptual map for the incorporation of stakeholders into the design and implementation of MPAs. Something needs to be done, and these notes provide guidelines based on experiences in three MPAs in Puerto Rico: Reserva Natural La Parguera, Reserva Marina Tres Palmas and Reserva Natural Canal Luís Peña, as well as lessons learned from our studies in other MPAs in Puerto Rico. USVI and the Wider Caribbean. Results are also based on interdisciplinary approaches applied internationally, and our own work with the social dimensions of fisheries management.

## In preparation

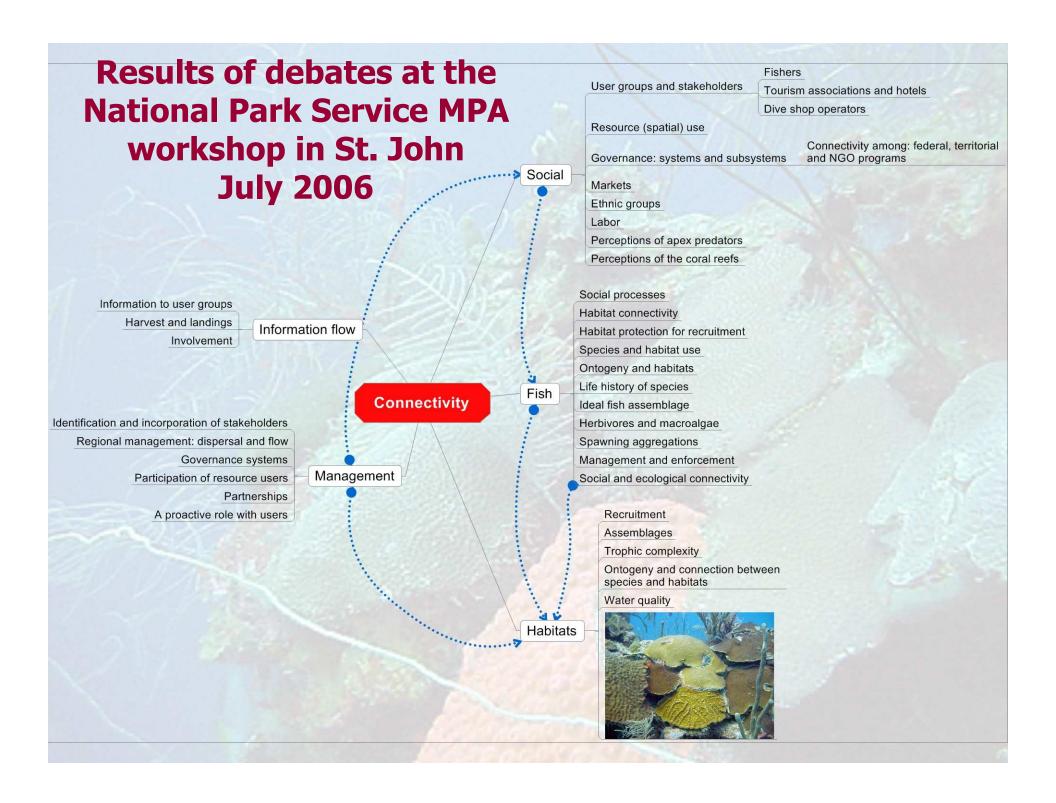
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- Marine Managed Areas Inventory of Puerto Rico: A comprehensive Database of Coastal Resources
- Marine Reserves in Puerto Rico (publication and short video)
- El Nuevo Día Newspaper
- A Blueprint for the Appropriate Design and Implementations of MPAs





## Practical lessons learned about MPA development and implementation

- Case studies
- A well structured plan
- Capacity building for co-management
- History: consumption, labor, policies, regional processes
- Resource use and traditional ecological knowledge (TEK)
- Policy and institutional arrangements
- Language and concepts
- Identification of stakeholders, issues and problems
- Appropriate forms of engagement
- Engagement of the community through education
- Connectivity: human, ecosystems and management



### **Academics**

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- Ph.D. students in Marine Science: Michelle Schärer and Idelfonso Ruíz
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- Research on MPAs for graduate and undergraduate students: Prudencio Martinez, Jomaira Ross and Jaime Banuchi
- Thesis on MPA related processes
- Ph.D. Exchange Fellow: María Fernández (Spain)



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