
New strategies for the development of an MPA: re-visiting Turrumote

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Process

- Lessons learned (Caribbean, Pacific)
- Case study of Turrumote (CRES)
- Assessment of the case studies for the region (East End Marine Park, Culebra)
- Monitoring of Tres Palmas in Rincon
- Analysis of the process and the documentation for the Turrumote Reserve
- Work Plan based on the analysis
- Discussion with key groups: researchers, stakeholders and Sea Grant Marine Outreach program
- Design of a strategy

Strategies

- Dissemination of information already available (MMA Report)
- Web Site for the project
- A Blog
- Audio-visual materials (short “movie” presentations in DVD format)
- A publication on MPA for the general public
- A poster for the fishermen based on the publication

Challenges

- Commonwealth and Federal Regulations
- Attitudes of fishers towards management
- Complexity of La Parguera and the interconnection of a variety of problems and issues
- Management history
- Lack of published data on La Parguera