

Strengthening MPA Management Decision Making Process and Putting Adaptive Management in Practice

Sandy Island/Oyster Bed Marine Protected Area

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Introduction

- Anti-SIOBMPA signs planted at various areas in Feb 2012
- Ministry of Carriacou & PM recommended stakeholder consultations with fishermen
- Window of opportunity
 - Funding from MPA Gov. projected



Method

- Planning Meeting
 - SIOBMPA Co-Management Board members
 - National MPA Coordinator
 - Fishermen
 - MPA Specialist
- Fishers Consultation



Results

- Issues affecting fishermen realized and documented
- Realization that the majority of fishermen understand the need for the MPA to protect fish thus their livelihood in the long run
- Formation of a core group of fishermen to engage the Board with greater participation in management and realization of benefits to the community

Discussion





Lessons Learned

- Maintain open lines of communication
- SIOBMPA to provide greater avenues for discourse
- Need to embrace fishermen as supporters of the MPA



Thank You!

