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# 4<sup>th</sup> International Tropical Marine Ecosystem Management Symposium Guadeloupe 2011





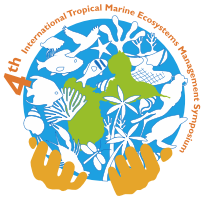
# ITMEMS4

- 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> December 2011  
Guadeloupe
- 57 international participants from 21 countries
- Targeted towards coastal and marine managers with day to day responsibility for tropical marine resource management activities/projects
- In particular young professionals and early career managers



# Technical Programme

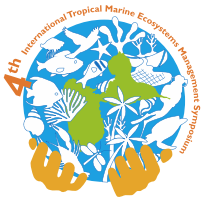
- Emphasis on capacity building and training
- ‘Learning by doing’ and innovative approaches
- Technical workshops led by international mentors representing a range of expertise, institutional affiliation and geographic spread
- Topics included Resilience, Marine Spatial Planning, Communications Training, Sustainable Financing, Research Priority Setting, Ocean Acidification, Conflict Resolution and Facilitation



# Technical Programme

Core learning elements of technical workshops:

- Knowledge and experience exchanges
- Exposure to emerging science
- Evidence-based approaches, tools and resources
- Partnerships and network development
- Communications and behavior change





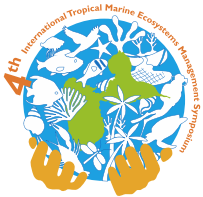
# Feedback from Participants

- Geographic diversity of participants was very welcome
- Good range of topics that were very relevant to managers
- Good opportunities for networking and building relationships, particularly among early career and young managers, and the mentors



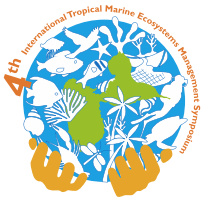
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- New ITMEMS format very much appreciated and was viewed as more relevant to those on the 'frontlines'
- Cost of the meeting location was prohibitive (travel and accommodation) for many managers
- Time in the field during the meeting would have been good
- Framework for follow up and ongoing work is needed



# ITMEMS4 Participant Quotes

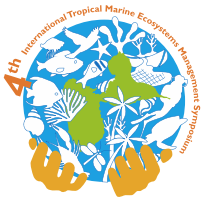
- “This is without a doubt the most useful sharing experience I have ever had at a workshop”
- “I appreciated receiving concepts, ideas and tools to do my job better”
- “Good focus on management”
- “Not enough time for sightseeing.”
- “Lots of good discussion!”
- “Provided me with the tools to take home and develop my organisation”





# Future ITMEMS

- Side event to present posters or videos from manager's own sites
- Longer period of time integrated with practical field sessions
- Additional training elements around fundraising and marketing wanted by managers
- Great interest in ITMEMS 5
- Consider regional focus



# ITMEMS4 Supporters



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