



RESEARCH AND INFORMATION NEEDS FOR INNOVATIVE MARINE AND COASTAL STUDIES IN THE CARIBBEAN



An Interactive Survey of Local Marine/Coastal Experts and Resource Users:
What Information is Needed to Better Conservation and Management?



Caribbean Regional Assessment (CRA) for Innovative Research for the Conservation of Marine Resources, Habitats and Ecosystems

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- Latest info on what local marine and coastal experts consider important and needed for research and management
- Critical reviews on noteworthy studies dealing with management and conservation
- Over 40 webpage links to other groups dedicated to management and conservation in the Caribbean
- Easy tutorial on how to use our publication database and direct access to our most recent additions!

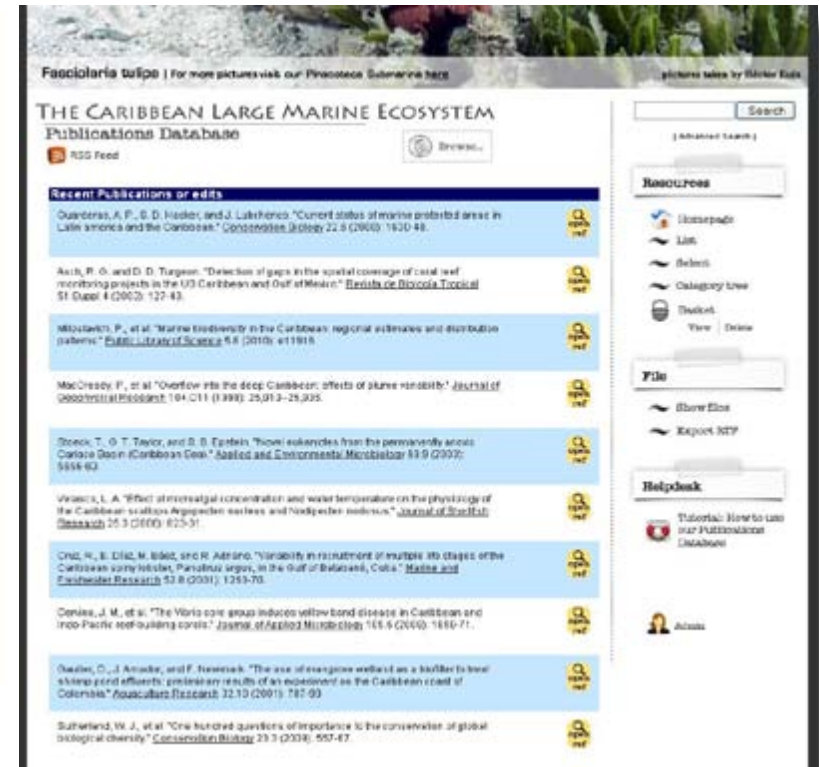
Check out our **online database** with more than 600 (and growing!) peer-reviewed studies, books, reports, and websites!
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Before using your favorite search engine, try out our online database for information on marine and coastal studies in the Caribbean!

Publications from 1998-present with topics related to:

- ✓ Coasts
- ✓ Fisheries
- ✓ Coral reefs
- ✓ Marine pollution
- ✓ MPAs/Marine reserves
- ✓ Climate change and others!...

• Over 200 free full-text resources are available for viewing!



Some comments from those who have participated in our survey:

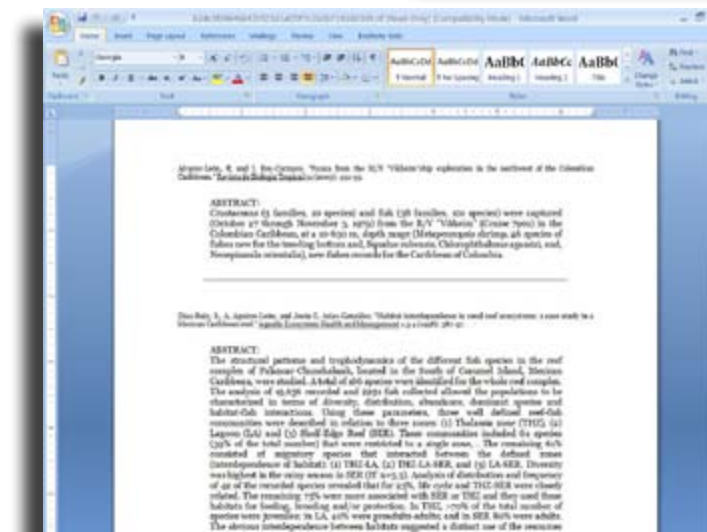
Fisheries Management

- Role and effectiveness of bans, closures and MPAs
- Evaluate different factors involved in the variability of catches and in recruitment
- The role of local markets in shaping the structure of catches and selectivity of species and sizes
- Management and environmental events/factors that affect catches



Coral Reefs

- Impacts of terrestrial activities
- Important fish species that are needed to maintain a healthy reef community
- Studies on coral reef diseases and reduced coral cover in order to identify pathogens, resistant strains, and the effect of climate change
- The use of an ecosystem-based approach that incorporates several factors to improving coral reef management



- Includes proceedings, reports, books and thesis
- Easy-to-follow tutorial on how to search and download citations
- You can view your citations quickly and easily using any word processor! No more lengthy typing of references! Our online database does it for you!

If you would like to answer any of our **three (3) critical questions** about issues of importance for better management and conservation strategies:

- What type of research is presently required (**in 5 years or short-term**) in the region for resource management?
- What critical information is needed during the next 5-10 years (**long-term**) in order to improve resource management?
- What **obstacles** are presently hindering research/assessments that can help better resource management?

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