

Innovative Research for the Conservation of Marine Resources, Habitats, and Ecosystems in the Caribbean Region



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Please briefly answer the following questions about your background:

What is your field, area of expertise, or skill? _____

Years of experience in your field: _____ 0-5 yrs _____ 6-10 yrs _____ 11-15 yrs _____ 16+ yrs

Do you work for a government (federal/state) institution or agency? _____ No _____ Yes _____ Sometimes
If yes, or sometimes, please indicate if it is: _____ Federal or _____ State / Territory

Please briefly answer the following questions about marine-related resources in your area:

1. What type of research is presently required (short-term) in the region for fisheries management?
(please check any that apply)
- _____ a. Ecosystem-based management
 - _____ b. Developing sustainable resource use
 - _____ c. Establishing baselines
 - _____ d. Fisheries habitat structure and function
 - _____ e. Impacts of climate change
 - _____ f. Development of fisheries management policy tools
 - _____ g. How socio-economic processes affect resource use, economic valuation, and community resilience
 - _____ h. Regional studies on spawning aggregation sites (SPAGs)
 - _____ i. Fisheries ecology

Other: _____

Of these choices, which one do you consider needs immediate attention? _____

2. What critical information is needed during the next 5–10 years (long-term research) in order to deal with fisheries management effectively?

Which one do you consider needs immediate attention? _____

3. What obstacles are presently hindering research/assessments that can help improve fisheries management?
(please check any that apply)

- _____ a. Lack of funding
- _____ b. Insufficiently trained and skilled personnel
- _____ c. No established standards for obtaining and reporting data (lack of standard formats)
- _____ d. Unwillingness of some scientists, managers and fishermen to share critical information
- _____ e. Failure to apply research information in resource management and conservation
- _____ f. Lack of experimentation or application of ecosystem-based management
- _____ g. Lack of experimentation or application of adaptive management
- _____ h. Lack of participation of fishers/resource users in the management processes

Other: _____

Of these choices, which one do you consider needs immediate attention? _____