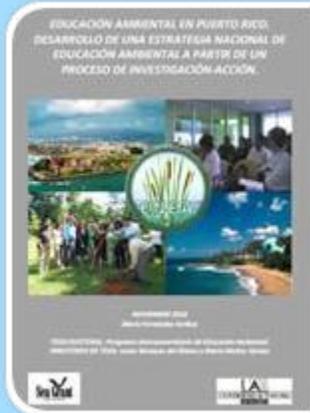




## What's new to the Publication Database

[Fernández-Arribas, M. "Educación Ambiental de Puerto Rico. Desarrollo de una estrategia nacional de educación ambiental a partir de un proceso de investigación-acción." \[Environmental Education in Puerto Rico. Developing a national strategy on environmental education from a research-action plan.\] PhD dissertation. Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, 2010.](#)



María Fernández-Arribas, recent PhD graduate from the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid and collaborator at UPR Sea Grant/CIEL, completed her dissertation on re-enforcing the action and the "understanding of the Puerto Rican reality" with regards to environmental education with the ultimate goal of improving its practice. To accomplish this, developing a national strategy of environmental

education (Educación Nacional de Educación Ambiental, ENEA) applying a research-action plan (Proceso de Investigación-Acción) is suggested. Read about her conclusions on how to address these issues by clicking [here](#)! The full-text of this dissertation is available as an attachment in .zip file format. This study was partially supported by UPR Sea Grant.

[Mumby, P. J., et al. "Fishing down a Caribbean food web relaxes trophic cascades." Marine Ecology Progress Series 445 \(2012\): 13-24.](#)

Analyzing marine food webs is of utmost importance to understanding fish community structure; however, not much has been reported for coral reef environments. Peter J. Mumby and a group of experts set out to address this issue by describing the "rapid shift in fish community structure" of grouper, snapper, parrotfishes, damselfish and other important species in the coral reefs of Belize. Read [here](#) for more details about their conclusions on the resilience of these reefs!



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### **Sessions - Climate Change: Not only about science, but also public health**



In light of the scientific concerns regarding the effects of climate change and what they entail, we conducted two sessions dedicated to this exceedingly growing topic among the scientific community. We interviewed representatives from the academic sector, which included a specialist in public health associated with environmental issues offering other possible aspects that may not have been discussed in our previous group sessions. Should climate change be centered only on science (mostly marine/coastal/terrestrial) or should public health be considered among the key concerns?

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### **This Week's Comment - Scientific networking redefined**



Communication among experts and scientists is not a new concept, but the way we communicate our ideas is changing. "Scientific networking" (as I call it) is becoming redefined. How can I be sure of that? The existence of blogs, forums and listservers dedicated to encouraging the sharing of ideas, projects, and knowledge among the scientific community are serving as the

"networks" that allow us to find out what's going on in countries oceans away from us.

Want to find out more? [Read this post](#)!

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## Newsworthy - [NGOpolis.org](http://NGOpolis.org) - Newest portal to NGO Resources

Would you like to know more about what NGOs are currently doing in your area, what funds may be available, how to get in touch with an NGO? Then, check out this "no frills" portal for resources associated with NGOs - including forums, directories, jobs, networking, and technology! Click [here](#) for more information!



## About the Caribbean Regional Assessment (CRA)

In response to the present resource management problems that exist, Sea Grant Puerto Rico began a regional assessment to identify and prioritize critical areas of research and information associated with the sustainable use of marine resources that are applicable to the development of better management strategies.

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