



Symposium logistics

- Fees:** A symposium fee will be due upon registration. Costs cover transfers between the workshop venues, relevant workshop materials, buffet lunch and refreshments, and a subsequent copy of the ITMEMS 3 proceedings publication.
- Registration:** Participants are requested to register their expression of interest to participate in the symposium on-line through the ITMEMS 3 website: www.itmems.org. Please note that participant numbers are limited to a maximum of 300, and therefore early registration is encouraged.
- Hotels:** Participants are requested to make hotel reservations through the ITMEMS 3 Organizing Committee: (hotel@itmems.org).
- Deadlines:** Abstract submission: 31 May 2006
Participant registration deadline: 31 May 2006
- Contacts:** All communications regarding program and organization are conducted through the ITMEMS 3 programme committee and the ITMEMS 3 Organizing Committee.
- Information:** Further information, and downloadable material is available from info@itmems.org or from the ITMEMS website:

www.itmems.org

Official Host

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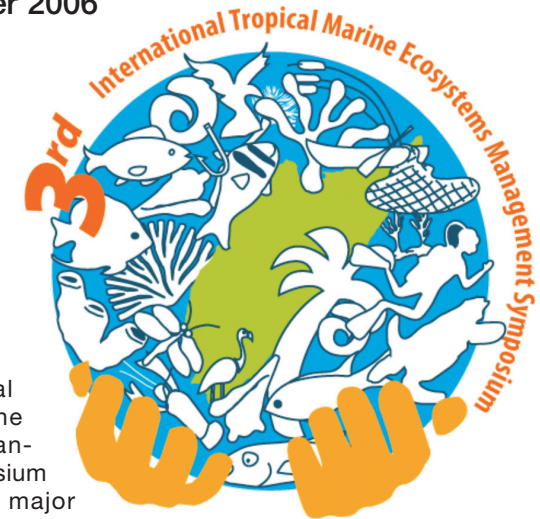
International Tropical Marine Ecosystems Management Symposium

ITMEMS 3

Global Problems, Local Solutions

Cozumel, Mexico

15-20 October 2006



The International Tropical Marine Ecosystems Management Symposium (ITMEMS) is a major activity of the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI). Convened previously in Australia (1998) and the Philippines (2003), ITMEMS facilitates productive discussion and information sharing by people involved in management of coral reefs and related ecosystems, and the implementation of the ICRI Framework for Action.

The goal of ITMEMS 3 is to provide an opportunity for marine and coastal managers and stakeholders to exchange experiences and knowledge, through management-related case studies; to identify gaps and make informed recommendations on priority issues and management approaches, and define future action for the management of tropical marine ecosystems



Workshop organization

Through a series of parallel sessions, participants will work together to share experiences and define needs. There will be ample opportunity for plenary feedback to the entire symposium. Poster sessions and side meetings will also be used between sessions, to facilitate additional discussion and to provide networking opportunities.

Thematic areas

Proposed topics for discussion at ITMEMS3 include the following:



- Resource valuation and sustainable financing
- Emergency response
- Enforcement
- Successful and unsuccessful practices of MPAs
- Monitoring and performance evaluation
- Conducting 'Ecological Audits' of marine tourism operations
- Designing long-term monitoring useful for management
- Strategies for mitigating coral bleaching
- Algae control, nutrient and sediment pollution management
- Fisheries and aquaculture
- Community participation, education and awareness raising
- Destructive fishing
- Restoration and rehabilitation
- Data management

The above list is not exhaustive. Interested parties are encouraged to identify priority topics, and to suggest additional themes for inclusion. Discussion of crosscutting themes will include; policy development and planning, the establishment of management programmes, and the application of various methods to support management.

Presentations

Proposed case studies for oral or poster presentations should be submitted to workshop@itmems.org for consideration by the ITMEMS 3 Programme Committee and session organizers, and must be presented in English. Case studies will be reviewed on the basis of their relevance to thematic areas and potential for generating discussion, and if accepted, will be nominated for either an oral or poster presentation. All accepted case studies (whether for presentation or poster) will be published in the ITMEMS 3 proceedings.



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Outcomes

A final plenary session will be utilized to develop an Action Statement of priority issues with outcomes and recommendations intended for dissemination to partners in conservation and integrated management. The proceedings from the previous meeting, ITMEMS 2, are available from the following link:

www.icriforum.org/itmems/itmems_proceedings.html