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2016 MPA FORUM FEEDBACK DOCUMENT

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This is the summary of the MPA Forum feedback and has been converted to percentages of the respondents reply's with the accompanying comments
Thank you to all the respondents who replied.

1. Please score the suitability of the venue

Poor	Average	Above Average	Excellent
5%	53%	24%	18%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Air conditioning poor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The last day's venue was too small

2. Please score the quality of the presentations

Poor	Average	Above Average	Excellent
0%	5%	65%	30%
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some of the best ever

3. Did you think that the attendees at the Forum represented the SA MPA sector?

YES	NO
100%	0%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Besides a couple of interested parties like Mr Jordaan who kept interrupting the proceedings with non-MPA related issues I understand that some academics could not attend because of the situations on campuses 	

4. If you said No please indicate who you think should be invited to the next Forum?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More actual operational persons Staff from the MPA's

5. Do you agree that the Forum was held at the right time of the year

YES	NO
82%	18%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedules are tight does not matter which month you choose 	

6. If you said No please indicate when you think will be a suitable time of the year to host the event

- October is recommended as the Marine month
- The time allows for easy planning in the subsequent financial year.
- September-November is a very full time of year for many. So too is the end of the fiscal year (Feb-March). End of January or April/May would be preferable in my opinion
- June/July

7. Did you think enough time was given for the MPA feedback session?

YES	NO
59%	41%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each MPA manager should report back on his MPA's successes and challenges etc (not the usual where is it and how big is it story), and not an overall report for an organisation covering many MPA's, where successes and challenges are averaged out.

8. Do you think the Forum should be an extra day ie 4 Days?

YES	NO
59%	41%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I believe this will be dependent on the theme for that year. • Two days is perfect with additional day for workshop of some kind

9. Do you want to see a workshop session built into the extra day for the next MPA Forum?

YES	NO
82%	18%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's appropriate while all stakeholders are together, 	

10. Do you have any suggestions for a location where the next MPA Forum can be presented that is close to an MPA not featured before and can host in excess of 100 people

- Western Cape (MPA??), Tsitsikamma,
- I would have suggested Northern Cape, however, there is no MPA there at the moment. I believe taking it to the Northern Cape will prepare the future management agency together with the Province of better management of these MPAs and the benefits that could arise from there.
- De Hoop Nature Reserve
- Workshop 17, Waterfront, Cape Town
- I do not have enough experience with MPAs especially ones that can host more than 100 people.

- Gansbaai? If approached, I could ask if CPUT could host the next one. This would depend on when it takes place.
- No
- Garden Route National Park;
- Table Mountain national Park at Cape research centre.

11. Did the MPA Forum event allow you to network and strengthen partnerships with other MPA Sector stakeholders?

YES	NO
94%	0%

12. Did you leave the Forum being better informed of the SA MPA sector?

YES	NO
94%	6%

13. What presentation/s stood out and would you like to see that presenter and subject matter at the next Forum in 2017?

- Presentations per MPA
- Ali Goetz' sea mount presentation was fantastic. I would like to see more exciting research presentations like this.
- MPA Legislation Legislation
- METT assesment of Protected Areas
- Research of what is happening in the MPAs.
- Tamzyn Livingstone on behalf of Jennifer Olbers. I enjoyed the style in which their update was put across it made for an interesting talk.
- KZN wildlife by Ms T Livingston
- Also Alison Kock on relevance of MPAs for large sharks.
- Would like to see more top predator work presented
- MPAs and Great white sharks by Dr A Kock
- Offshore fishing sector, DAFF
- Dr Bruce Mann research on Appropriate size/length for functional MPA's
- The iSimangaliso wetland park presentation by Mr B Mann.
- Bruce Mann - enjoyed topic of using fish tracking data to inform MPA boundaries, effectiveness
- Conservation of seamounts whithin MPAs by Dr A Gotz.
- Implementation of METT version 3 by Mr C Khumalo
- Rocky shore monitoring in MPAs by Dr M Pfaff
- Monitoring in the various MPAs ; All MPAs should present on it
- Research and monitoring presentations
- Coordination of monitoring projects in MPAs
- Scientific presentations
- Monitoring kelp growth in the De Hoop MPA by Dr M Rothman
- Monitoring contaminants.Implications for MPA management by Dr C Sparks

- BRUVs by Dr A Bernard and Mr J Duncan
- The BRUV presentation / Minimum size of no-take zones / Intertidal research
- Data management of large datasets such as BRUVs
- NSRI presentation by Mr B Ayres
- Field trip to Sardinia bay MPA
- Need more definitive talks about compliance from DAFF & DEA.
- Progress on MPA objectives on a national scale
- More talks on individual research done at MPAs such as Dwesa-Cwebe (new tagging project), invasive species, intertidal monitoring, sub tidal invertebrates maybe as we never hear about them
- Maybe something on the effect of pollution on an MPA like SAPPi at Aliwal shoal-any research?
- Research feedback

14. What aspect of the Forum can we improve on?

- Less presentation on research and more on MPA Management (challenges),
- We need more formal structure where challenges are actually workshopped and steps are put in place to solve these challenges, not just spoken about and walked away from.
- Number of research presenters/ scientists to be reduced.
- Publishing information on respective MPAs. Maybe on a quarterly basis.
- Venue, it was very hot and there was poor airconditioning. The food was also subpar
- Presentations with actual operational improvement appropriateness
- A microphone.
- Perhaps bring in people from other departments such as an update on the Toursim Phakisa lab as well as an update from Aquaculture and DMR.
- Think it is fine as is
- Questions, answer one question at a time, I really don't like having to try to remember 3 or 4 questions before hearing the answer.
- More interaction between attendees; More group discussions
- Time keeping
- Air flow/aircon to keep people awake. Felt lethargic after a few hours
- Sound system bad in venue – need sound system

15. What part of the Forum did you enjoy the most?

- Sessions on critical issues identified during MPA Management presentations
- Research presentations.
- Individual Park feedback
- Forum was mainly presentation with less time for discussion. Maybe in future, this should be considered. And resolutions should come out of this forum to support already running programmes like the people and the parks, cdb etc.
- Networking
- Interactions and the discussions
- Quality informative presentations
- The KZN presentation

- The Great white shark presentation
- The seamount presentation
- The BRUVs
- The iSimangaliso presentation
- The contaminants implications presentations
- The visit to Sardinia bay MPA
- All the chairpersons who all were very profesional
- Interactive sessions
- Discussions that took place of the presentations
- The feedback session from all the different MPA's and hearing from people on the ground
- Scientific presentations
- Loved all the talks – even the management ones this year. Had dynamic speakers
- Research papers

16. Please list other topics/subject matter that you would like to see featured on the Agenda as presentations at the 2017 MPA Forum.

- Community participation or Co-management in Marine Prtected Area management
- How to win political buy-in from relevant persons to ensure MPA values and benefits are understood, supporting the need for no-take MPA's to remain closed, and even expand their no-take areas.
- Financial benefits of MPA's
- Prosecutions Authority Presentation
- Organised Crimes- environmental crimes
- Research, transformation, local economic development by MPAs.
- A lot of marine top predator work on seabirds, turtles, cetaceans etc is conducted in MPAs or has relevance to spatial protection. Would like to see more results of these presented at the forum.
- DEA, ocean and coast, ocean birds
- None
- DEA – Strategic direction, deliverables, areas of priotiry, data needs from agencies etc
- The seal issue of Southern Africa wich is been dealt with as if it doesn't exist, and it IS an issue wich is going to become worse. Mark my words.
- Toursim Phakisa lab as well as an update from Aquaculture and DMR.
- Research and monitoring in MPAs
- Every day challenges rangers face in managing MPA's
- All MPAs should report on Active Monitoring and Archived Data that could possibly be shared within the forum (Temp; rainfall; etc).
- Perhaps a less "packed" agenda
- Need more difinitive talks about compliance from DAFF & DEA.
- Progress on MPA objectives on a national scale
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- Data management of large datasets such as BRUVs
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- None

17. Please note any suggestions that you have to contribute to us presenting a better MPA Forum in 2017.

- More time allocated to MPAs Presentations in one or two issues raised as challenges (per MPA)
- Time management was good (keep it up)
- International guests need to be considered to get experiences outside the country
- Do not put the field outings at the end of the last day, as many people just went home instead. Rather have the field outings in the middle days.
- Much networking and learning takes place on the field outings.
- We also, this year, missed a good evening braai together. The set up of eating individually at the hotel limited networking and team building opportunities.
- Prosecutions Authority Presentation
- Organised Crimes- environmental crimes
- 2016 was my first time attending the forum and I believe it was very well organised. We just need to give more time to discussions where key resolutions will be made. The MPA forum needs to be recognised as an important forum by the authorities and it needs to also be politically supported.
- Policy adaptations
- None
- Some presentations were not of good quality and or missing information (eg METT presentation). Presenters must know the subject matter of their presentations.
- Feedback sessions from Agencies – MPA's were not consistent Agency wide feedback and then SANPARKS per MPA? The specific questions before hand helped. Feedback could be according to the main topics addressed by the Forum for that year. Eg monitoring protocols – What monitoring is being done with complete protocols? Are these available to be shared to other agencies? Boating, Scuba, compliance etc
- Standard Operating Procedures – does any agency have these? What do they look like?
- More operational issues - Summary from DEA on reports across the agencies where is the gaps what works what does not?
- Technical presentations - new technology, tools equipment pertaining to coastal management.
- Management approaches / methodologies that work and is innovative.
- Development of staff in service training standards/ programs – What is available? What works what can be adopted?
- I can go on like this with a list to a point 10 plus. Fact is there is a whole world of operational and technical topics that we can incorporate in a productive way into the MPA forum. Currently we do not have this type of focus anymore. Yes there was a short session and then feedback on some issues listed in the presentation questions however not a lot of clear outcomes as of yet.
- None from my side.

- I enjoyed the forum – not much to add – perhaps just making afternoon sessions discussion sessions would be good.
- I like the idea of a hands on work shop on BRUV's, or another monitoring method.
- Name tags may be useful.
- Time management and perhaps reducing the agenda content
- Host something in the evening such as a slide show, appropriate movie or something dynamic about an MPA or MPAs in general
- Generally a good job. Well done.

THANK YOU