

SocMon Case Study: Canaries, St. Lucia



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What was our goal in *Canaries*?

To determine what types of development, based on marine resource use and activity in the *CAMMA*, are appropriate for *Canaries*?



Background



- Village des Canaries. Pronounced "*Vi-large day Ka-na-wi*". The name means large cooking pot in French.
- The name comes from the way the mountains surrounds the village.
- It is considered the smallest village in Canaries

Background cont'd



- Canaries has been historically a fishing village.
- The life of the people of the village is centered around the river, beach and sea.
- 95% Catholic.

Education and Employment



- Two schools: one infant and one primary.
- Most of the population only attain a primary education.
- Only about 20 students attend secondary school in Soufriere and Castries.
- There is about 80% unemployment.
- Most people are self-employed or fishers

Resource Uses



- River: bathing, drinking, garbage, washing, mining, fishing and socials.
- Beach: sports, fishing, sand mining and other recreational activities.
- Sea: fishing, bathing, swimming, coral mining and transportation.



Methods

Day 1

- Advance preparation.
- Data collection through secondary sources.
- Data collection through key informants.
- De-briefing and Gap Analysis.

Day 2

- Questionnaire development and planning.
- Data collection through questionnaire and informal interviews.

Day 3

- Data analysis:
 - Questionnaire coding.
 - Data compilation.
- Presentation preparation

Results

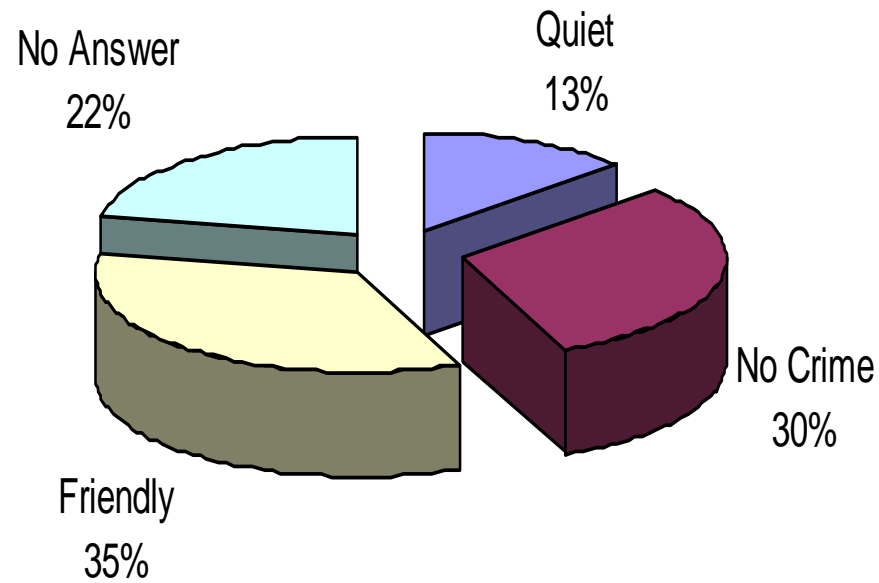
Who was surveyed?

- 20 households in Canaries
 - Age
 - Range: 24-91 years old.
 - Gender
 - Male - 8
 - Female - 12
 - Education Levels
 - Primary School - 15
 - Secondary School - 5

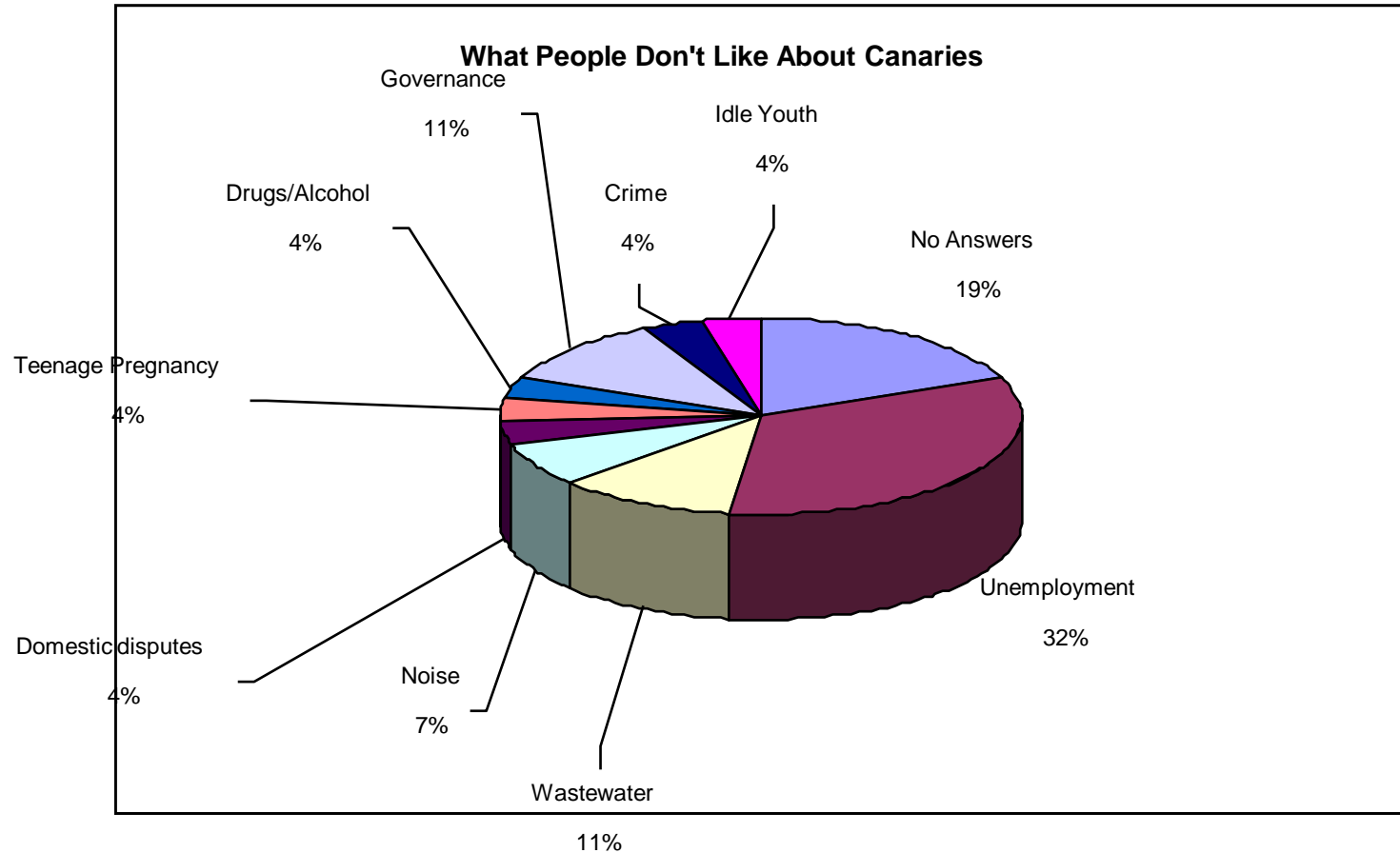


Results cont'd

What people like about Canaries



Results cont'd



Results cont'd

How do people in Canaries use the environment?

Community Perception

How do people use the sea?

90% - Fishing

15% - Bathing

10% - Swimming

How do people use the beach?

45% - Bathing

40% - Recreation

20% - Don't Use

How do people use the river?

90% - Washing

45% - Bathing

15% - Fishing/Garbage Disposal

Actual Use (by respondents)

How do you use the sea?

40% - Don't use

25% - Fishing

20% - Swimming

How do you use the beach?

55% - Don't Use

25% - Bathing

25% - Recreation

How do you use the river

45% - Bathing

45% - Washing

35% - Don't Use

Results cont'd

How do people see the Marine environment playing a role in Canaries development?

50% were unable to provide suggestions

Of the remaining 10 respondents:

- 80% - Tourism
- 70% Coastal Infrastructure
- 10% Small Business

What other things can be done to develop Canaries?

50% - Industry

20% - Tourism

10% - Small Business/Education/Infrastructure



Key Learning Points

What are the past, present and proposed marine resources uses in the CAMMA and their contributions to income and revenue generation?

- Past: bathing, washing, garbage disposal, sand mining, water, recreation, fishing, transport
- Present: same as above
- Future: unsure of what they wanted, some fishers proposed a fishing complex.

Most respondents were unaware of CAMMA and what it represented.



Key Learning Points cont'd

What are the challenges and opportunities for marine resource use or activities in the CAMMA relevant to Canaries?

- Challenges: siltation of the mouth of the river, lack of regular gas supplies for fishers, and fishing facilities.
- Beach erosion
- Lack of infrastructure for tourism development
- Not many respondents saw opportunities for marine reserves in CAMMA



Key Learning Points cont'd

What livelihood or income strategies do people in Canaries use to complement or supplement marine resource use or activity?

- Little or no alternative income strategies apart from building, small businesses, and migration



Key Learning Points cont'd

What are the social and cultural characteristics of Canaries that are desirable to maintain or must be taken into account in development?

- Fishing
- Low crime
- Low education level
- Not proactive but reactive
- Christian beliefs





Thank you!