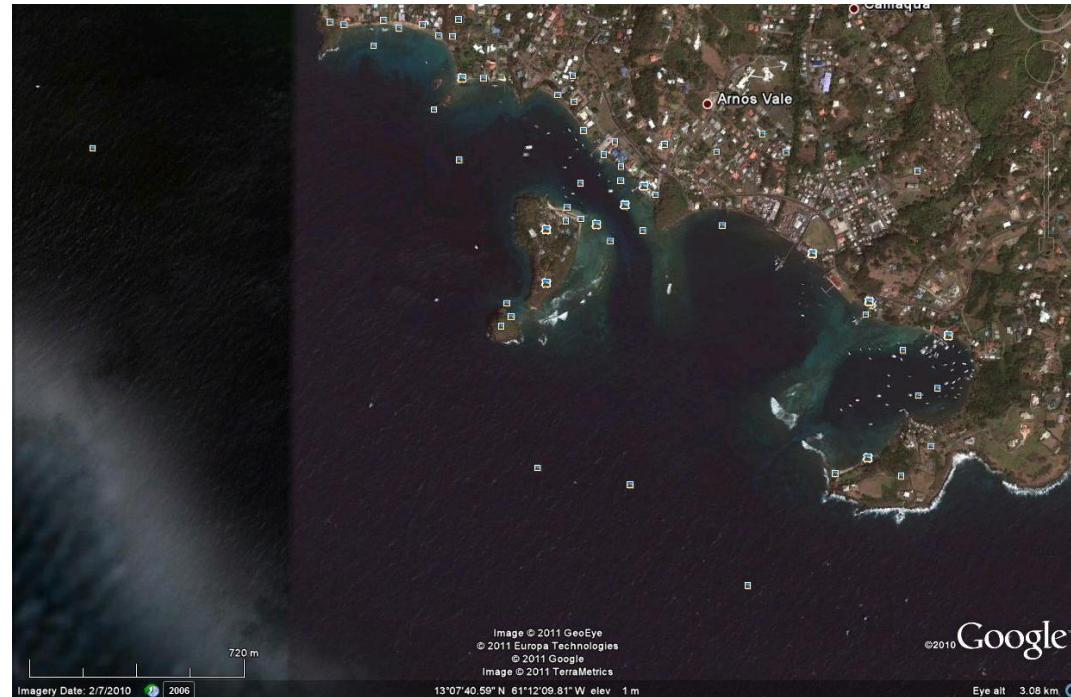


Socio-economic Monitoring
by Caribbean Challenge
MPA Managers
(CC SocMon Project)



SocMon demonstration study site: Proposed South Coast Marine Conservation Area (SC MCA)



SocMon Training Workshop
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Sunset Shores Beach Hotel, St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Marine Conservation Areas in St. Vincent & the Grenadines



- 10 specially protected areas marine conservation areas designated in 1986
 - 9 in the Grenadines
 - 1 on south coast of St. Vincent
- NPRBA has earmarked the South Coast Marine Conservation Area (SC MCA) for development
 - 2nd marine park
- NPRBA has governance role as coordinator of MPAs and monitor
- SC MCA is under jurisdiction of the Fisheries Division



Importance of area for conservation



- Most widely used beaches, coral reefs and seagrass beds
- Prevalence of historical sites
- High residential population
- 1/3 of visitor accommodation on St. Vincent is located within the SC MCA



Activities/uses within the proposed MCA



- Swimming, snorkeling, scuba diving
- Yachting and boating centre
- Tourism (high density of hotels)
- Historical and cultural sites
- Important fish landing site
 - Calliaqua fishing centre is 2nd most productive landing facility (> XCD 946,000 of fish landed)
- Restaurants & entertainment





Issues/concerns

- Declining health of marine habitats over last 20 years as suggested by anecdotal evidence
 - Anchor damage
 - Divers
 - Sea bathers
 - Hurricanes
- Solid waste and sewage
 - Holding tanks and domestic sources
- Beach attrition
- Overfishing
- What else?

The Fisheries Division recognises the importance of the area to tourism, recreation and fisheries and the need for a more formal and integrated approach to its management

Projects and studies



- Willingness-to-pay and natural resource valuation projects by Environmental Services Unit (2010)
- AGGRA assessment (2010)
- UNEP marine park planning for proposed SC MCA
- Management capacity assessment of MPAs in the Caribbean
- Any others?





The SocMon fit

Linkage to draft plan scoping?

