



**MPA Center:
Future Directions**
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Direction from External Review

- Use current Strategic Plan as a starting point
- Review the current context of place-based management
- Focus on capacity building
- Develop professional networks of MPA managers

Internal Dialogue at MPA Center

- Move to Office of National Marine Sanctuaries
 - additional capabilities
- Expected reduction in FY13 budget
- Prioritizing focus of staff
- Identifying new partnerships

Feedback from MPA Programs

- Survey Monkey
 - 16 responses representing 3 federal and 13 state/partnership programs

Feedback from MPA Programs

- General agreement with External Review findings
- Agree with focus on
 - Capacity building
 - Communications
 - Building a network of MPA managers

Feedback from MPA Programs

- Other Points
 - Don't reinvent the wheel
 - Help coastal communities advocating for new MPAs
 - Integrate with watershed protection and science
 - Help advocate for funding
 - Help build political support

Cross-Walk of MPA Center & MPA Program Input

CAPABILITIES	Comments	Opportunities for collaboration	Priority
<p>A. CAPACITY BUILDING FOR MPA PROGRAMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with Coral Reef Conservation Program Capacity Assessments • Leverage funding • Conduct assessment, set clear goals related to capacity building and develop capacity building plans for individual MPAs or MPA programs • Transfer lessons from NFWF MPA projects • Increase capacity of “friends of” groups 			
<p>Activity A1: Identify and Apply MPA Network Best Management Practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist with development of management plans 			
<p>Activity A2 – Training for MPA Managers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage NERRS Coastal Training Program • Communications training 			
<p>Activity A3: Highlight Social and Economic Benefits of MPAs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better understand economic and nonmarket values of MPAs 			
<p>Activity A4: Technical Assistance/ Guidance on MPA Management Best Practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get local MPAs more involved with local & regional constituencies 			
<p>Activity A5: Cultural Resource Coordination</p> <p>Activity A6: Provide community-based information and tools for marine conservation</p>			

Questions?

