

Acropora/Montastraea Workshop

Saturday, October 31, 2009

Hotel Caribe Hilton

7:30 am - 9:00 am	Registration	
8:00 am - 8:15 am	Ms. Aida Rosario	Welcome and Introduction
8:15 am - 8:35 am	Dr. Lisamarie Carrubba	Endangered species listing process & <i>Acropora</i> Status review
8:35 am - 8:45 am	Dr. Jorge (Reni) Garcia	<i>Acropora</i> monitoring Tres Palmas
8:45 am - 8:55 am	Ms. Michelle Scharrer and Mr. Michael Nemeth	<i>Acropora</i> demographic survey Puerto Rico
8:55 am - 9:05 am	Dr. Edwin Hernández	<i>Acropora</i> restoration efforts Puerto Rico
9:05 am - 9:15 am	Dr. Caroline Rogers	<i>Acropora</i> monitoring USVI
9:15 am - 9:25 am	Dr. Alina Szmant	<i>Acropora</i> genetic studies
9:25 am - 9:35 am	Break	
9:35 am - 9:50 am	Dr. Edwin Hernández	Status of <i>Montastraea</i> , Puerto Rico
9:50 am - 10:05 am	Dr. Jorge (Reni) Garcia	Status of <i>Montastraea</i> , Puerto Rico
10:05 am - 11:30 am		Discussion
11:30 am - 12:00 pm		Recommendations to present to CRTF

Draft text for invitation:

Greetings,

In conjunction with the upcoming meeting of the US Coral Reef Task Force, we will be holding a workshop on the status of the *Acropora* and *Montastraea* species in the US Caribbean (Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands) . We would like to provide the opportunity for researchers and managers working in this area to discuss the status of these species, in particular following the 2005 bleaching event.

This will be a half-day workshop the morning of Saturday, October 31, 2009. Time for presentations will be limited and will vary depending on the topic, from 10 minutes for talks related to *Acropora* research to 15 minutes for talks related to the status of *Montastraea*. We will have a period of discussion after all presentations have been completed regarding next steps for management of the *Montastraea* species complex. We hope that you will join us for this interesting morning. Please send an e-mail to arosario@drna.gobierno.pr with a tentative title for your talk, if you are listed as a potential presenter for the workshop. If you are not listed as a presenter, please send an e-mail to arosario@drna.gobierno.pr with your contact information.

All workshop presenters and attendees should register for the meeting and workshop at

<http://quest.cvent.com/i.aspx?5S,M3,6c01add8-8f12-4b21-8249-30b64bca91c9>

and for the hotel at

<http://quest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Custom.aspx?cid=18&e=6c01add8-8f12-4b21-8249-30b64bca91c9> (by September 28, 2009.)

A list of topics and invited speakers is attached. We regret that we do not have any funds to support travel. We will have an opportunity to report on the findings of the workshop during the business meeting of the US Coral Reef Task Force on November 3.

Speakers

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