

CORAL REEF TASK FORCE CORAL BIOCRITERIA WORKSHOP

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1201 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460
EPA East, Room 1102
Friday, May 5, 2006, 8:15-10:30 AM

Workshop purpose:

Introduce biocriteria as an effective monitoring-based management tool for protection of coral reefs and summarize EPA's activities to support development of coral reef biocriteria and generate inter-agency collaboration.

AGENDA

- 8:30 Introduction (Bill Swietlik/Wendy Wiltse)
- General introduction to biocriteria
 - Agenda/workshop goals
- 8:40 Biocriteria (Heidi Bell)
- Biocriteria and water quality standards
 - Application and legal frameworks
- 9:00 Biocriteria development in the Pacific
(Wendy Wiltse; Peter Houk presented by Lesa Meng)
- 9:30 EPA tools for biocriteria development (Bill Fisher)
- Rapid bioassessment protocol for stony corals
 - Biological survey in USVI
 - Technical research and guidance
- 10:00 Discussion (Hazel Groman/Wendy Wiltse)
- Are other agencies using or developing coral reef bioindicators? How are they used to manage and protect coral reefs?
 - What are the opportunities to partner with ongoing monitoring programs to obtain information that can contribute to biocriteria development?
 - What are good mechanisms for facilitating communication on the development of biocriteria for coral reefs?
- 10:30 Adjourn