



### Action Steps Abaco Marine Parks Pilot Programme

1. Paul to present at FFGA national annual meeting with DMR as part of existing initiative
2. If embraced at national level then David to recommend approval for PAs; if not then David to recommend go ahead with pilot in Abaco Marine Parks
3. BNT/AFFGA to seek government approval of roles and responsibilities (ref. Makai Watch governance)
4. Appoint passionate coordinator/s
5. Concurrent focus on MPA enforcement training (community policing, volunteer relationships, enhanced LE response)



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7. Stakeholder analysis
8. Identify key relationships to foster and build (champion, LE agencies [especially police chief to nominate contact point, work with all officers, one-on-one, police prosecutor])
9. Develop communications plan
10. Explore possible exchange by Hawaii colleagues to assist with community consultation (MW Coordinator and CFEU rep?)... by end September 2015?!

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11. AFFGA and BNT develop selection criteria for deputy wardens, AFFGA present list of candidates for Guide Deputies; AFFGA and BNT discuss together; AFFGA approach to recruit for OIR
12. Identify 1-2 people in each community for education role
13. BNT design and implement training for Guide Deputies and volunteers in training
14. Launch OIR, education, record-keeping and response
15. Evaluate pilot for expansion to other MPAs with some standardization, potential model for wider marine compliance

## Obstacles, Challenges, Pitfalls

- Scarce human and financial resources for marine management and enforcement
- Lack of public environmental awareness/understanding
- Weak environmental support from police, prosecutors
- No environmental court in The Bahamas
- Limited enforcement powers (no on-spot fines)
- Little existing adult outreach about MPAs
- Achieve government buy-in (funding not realistic)
- Need champion
- Need good coordinator
- Nurturing of volunteers

## Opportunities

- Existing resources/models for programme design and training
- Complement existing education and science programmes (Discovery Club, Friends, AGRRA)
- Existing proposals for enforcement training
- Apply partner funding for consultation stage (and kick-off?)
- Seek partner/grant support for implementation (TNC, NOAA CRCP, NFWF etc)
- Establish working/advisory group