

Governance of Marine Ecosystem-Based Management: A Comparative Analysis, September 29, 2008, Washington, DC and Webcast

Please join the Environmental Change and Security Program for a discussion of "Governance of Marine Ecosystem-Based Management: A Comparative Analysis" featuring;

Patrick Christie, Associate Professor, School of Marine Affairs and Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, and TCS Board of Directors

Alan White, Senior Scientist, Global Marine Initiative, The Nature Conservancy

Robin Mahon, Professor of Marine Affairs and Director of the Centre for Resource Management and Environmental Studies (CERMES), University of the West Indies, Barbados

Nygiel Armada, Fisheries Management Advisor, Fisheries Improved for Sustainable Harvests (FISH) Project

Monday, September 29, 2008, 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.

5th Floor Conference Room

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

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Ecosystem-based management (EBM), which manages ecosystems according to ecological rather than political boundaries, is being promoted as a more holistic and effective approach to conserving vital ecosystem functions. Supported by a grant from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation to the National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis, 13 researchers and practitioners analyzed the factors that influence EBM effectiveness, with an emphasis on governance structures. The study assessed how to modify governance structures to facilitate effective EBM; how to generate practical ecological and social indicators for marine EBM; and how to produce analyses and planning materials useful for scientists, EBM practitioners, and policy makers. This panel will present the results of two years of comparative research on four EBM programs.

Patrick Christie will present the research design and key findings. Alan White will discuss marine protected area networks and EBM in the Coral Triangle region. Robin Mahon will examine governance complexity in the Caribbean. Finally, Nygiel Armada will discuss the Fisheries Improved for Sustainable Harvest (FISH) Project and EBM in the Philippines.

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Location: Woodrow Wilson Center at the Ronald Reagan Building: 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW ("Federal Triangle" stop on Blue/Orange Line), 5th Floor Conference Room. A map to the Center is available at www.wilsoncenter.org/directions. Note: Due to heightened security, entrance to the building will be restricted and photo identification is required. Please allow additional time to pass through security.