

# Stakeholder Participation in Management at the TCMP

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# Background

- The TCMP is currently the only MPA in SVG.
- Currently the TCMP Board and the National Marine Park Board (NMPB) are one and the same.
- There is a new MPA being established (South Coast Marine Conservation Area).
- Consequently, the composition of the NMPB must change.

# Rationale

The establishment of a new MPA requires the operationalization of the TCMP Management Committee which would provide recommendations to the National Marine Park Board (NMPB) on issues pertaining to the Tobago Cays Marine Park.

# Objectives of the Study

1. assess the current level of stakeholder participation in governance at the TCMP.
2. determine what motivates stakeholder groups to participate in management.
3. assess the level of willingness of stakeholders to participate in management.

# Methodology

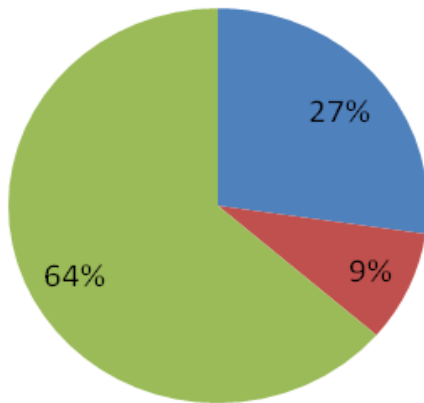
The data for this study was collected by the surveying (questionnaires) stakeholders.

Stakeholders Groups (1°)	Number of Surveys
Water Taxi Operators	5
Vendors	4
Dive Operators	1
Day Tour Operators	2
Yacht Companies	1
Tourism	2
Fishers	6
NGOs	1

# Results

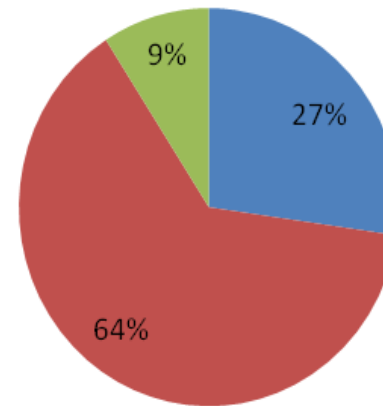
## Who Should Manage the TCMP

■ Government ■ Stakeholders ■ Comanagement



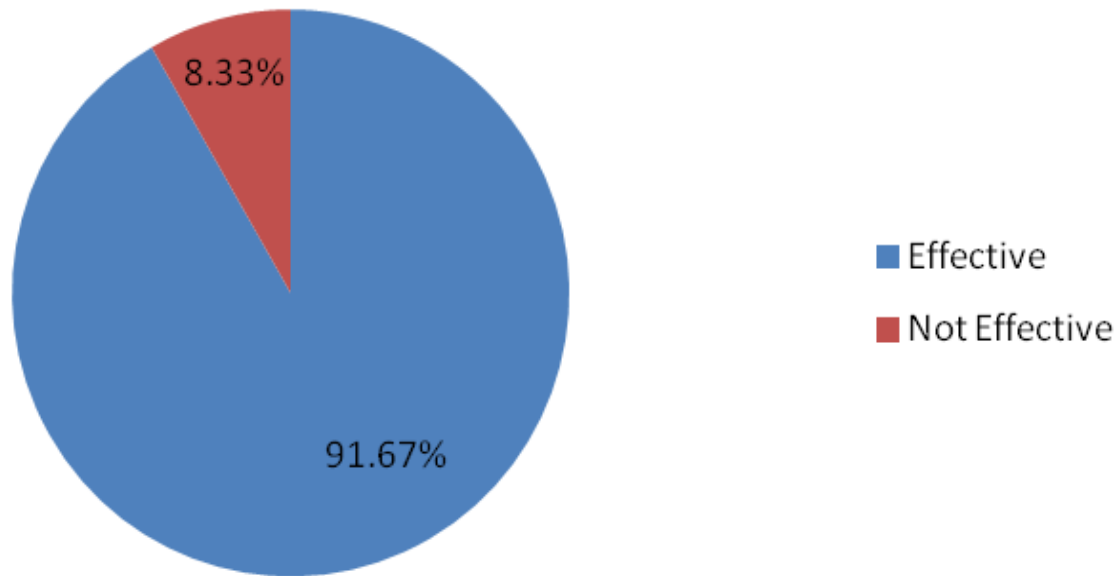
## Stakeholder Influence on Management

■ No Influence ■ Some Influence ■ Full Influence



# Results Continued

## Management Effectiveness



# Key Learning

- Persons who made a living directly from the TCMP did consider themselves to be stakeholders of the TCMP.
- Members of the SGWTA were unaware that they are currently represented on the National Marine Parks Board.
- Majority of stakeholders believe that over all the TCMP is currently being effectively managed.
- Most stakeholders think that they should be partly responsible for managing the TCMP.
- Over 80 percent of persons surveyed indicated that they would like to participate in management.



# Problems & Surprises

- Changed methodology from focus groups to questionnaire.
- Getting the interviewee to sit down with us during peak season.

# Thank You!

