

IUCN teams up with TNC to hold workshop on Building Resilience into Coral Reef Conservation and MPA Design

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Workshop participants at Malindi National Park, Kenya. Photo IUCN/Jerker Tamelander.

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and IUCN-Eastern Africa Regional Office (EARO) held a four day training workshop for the Western Indian Ocean (WIO) Marine Protected Area (MPA) managers, on building resilience into Coral Reef Conservation and MPA design on the 9th -12th May 2006 in Malindi on the Northern Coastline of Kenya. Kenya auspiciously hosted this workshop, the first of its kind in the WIO.

Kenya, Somalia, Mauritius, Rodrigues Island, Tanzania, Zanzibar and Seychelles were represented at the workshop. The main objective of the workshop was to introduce the concept of resilience as a response to global threats such as climate change and coral bleaching. Fish Spawning Aggregations was also dealt with as a major contributory factor of resilience.

The workshop was further enriched with diverse international and regional expertise from TNC, IUCN, SCIFO, WCS and CORDIO who co-facilitated and coached various sessions of the workshop. Each country represented a team that looked into specific national case studies in detail. In addition to interactive training sessions on coral reef bleaching and fish spawning aggregations, a practical field study was undertaken of Malindi National Park, Kenya's oldest Marine National Park that has proven to be resilient after a bleaching event that occurred approximately ten years ago.

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