

SOUTH BERRY ISLANDS MARINE RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLANNING  
WORKSHOP SUMMARY

The three (3) day workshop for The South Berry Islands Marine Reserve (SBIMR) Management Plan was held from July 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009, facilitated by The Bahamas Department of Marine Resources. The workshop was that of the follow-up training from the 2009 CaMPAM Training of Trainers course that was held in Tobago, T&T. The sessions were held at The Bahamas National Trust, "Retreat Gardens", The Non-Governmental Organization responsible for managing National Parks, with some twenty (20) participants from several stakeholder groups representing government, non-government and private entities. A private consultant, the renowned Dr. Floyd Homer, lead the Management Planning aspect of the workshop, while The Nature Conservancy, The Bahamas National Trust and The Department of Marine Resources presented on others aspects pertaining to the importance of marine habitats and marine protected areas, threats to the marine environment, and the Bahamas' efforts to achieve its commitments to the Program of Work on Protected Area (PoWPA) under the umbrella of the Convention of Biological Diversity. The main purpose of the workshop was to empower and inform stakeholders of the SBIMR, to build a management team, and to train managers on the methodology to compile management plans for protected areas by the creation of The South Berry Islands Marine Reserve Management Plan.



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