An overview of Bahamas MPAs and priorities for future conservation

Presenter:
Eric Carey, Executive Director
Bahamas National Trust
Conservation Success Stories

- Creation of the ECLSP in 1958
- Longline Fishing Banned in 1993
- Bahamas Shark Sanctuary in July 2011
- Fixed closed season for Nassau Grouper
- Protection of 10% of marine ecosystems in MPAs in Aug 2015
- Establishment of a Bahamas Protected Area Fund
Declared a Marine Fishery Reserve in 1986

Key area for marine research with over 20 researchers conducting annual research in the park

Recognized internationally as an excellent example of a well managed MPA. Its success as a marine fishery reserve was a catalyst to encourage government to declare a system of additional MPA’s in The Bahamas.

Established monitoring system which will assist in tracking changes in the marine environment and will allow introduction of adaptive management.
USER FEES & FACILITY RATES

EXUMA CAYS
LAND AND SEA PARK

MOORING FEE STRUCTURE

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Boat Size</th>
<th>Rate</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Up to 39° 11'</td>
<td>$20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>40° to 49° 11'</td>
<td>$30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>50° to 59° 11'</td>
<td>$40</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>60° to 69° 11'</td>
<td>$60</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>70° to 89° 11'</td>
<td>$90</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>90° to 119° 11'</td>
<td>$120</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>120° to 130° 11''</td>
<td>$150</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**New size categories

ANCHORAGE FEE STRUCTURE

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category/Boat Size</th>
<th>Daily/Nightly Rate</th>
<th>Weekly Rate</th>
<th>Seasonal Rate</th>
<th>Annual Rate</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>90°-119.11&quot;</td>
<td>$100</td>
<td>$700</td>
<td>$3,300</td>
<td>$5,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>120°-149.11&quot;</td>
<td>$120</td>
<td>$840</td>
<td>$5,000</td>
<td>$10,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&gt;150&quot;</td>
<td>$150</td>
<td>$1,050</td>
<td>$9,000</td>
<td>$20,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

INTERNET FEES

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Rate</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Internet Sheets</td>
<td>$1.5/2hr</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

DIVE FEES

$10 per person per trip (to be collected by Dive Tour Operator)

Please Call for Film Crew and Research Team Fees

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Online or phone via credit card (recommended)
- Cheque by mail to BNT office (please allow 5 days for processing)

GET IN CONTACT WITH US

Bahamas National Trust
P.O. BOX N-4105
Nassau, Bahamas
ECLSP Tel: (242) 225-6402
Nassau Tel: (242) 393-1317
Email: exumapark@bnt.bs
VHF: 09 & 16

www.bnt.bs
Future Conservation Priorities

- Design new set of MPAs to meet 20% goal by 2020 commitments, including Climate Change Projections
- Increase effective management of MPAs
- Using communications tools to raise awareness and support for MPAs
- Increase Sustainable funding for MPAs
- Protection of Parrotfish
The Bahamas National Trust is a National non-governmental organization Created by the Government of The Bahamas, to protect Bahamian natural resources by building a network of national parks, and promoting environmental stewardship.